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Calgary Stampeders quarterback Drew Tate, seen here during last weekend's West semifinal game against Saskatchewan, will be out for the rest of the season after X-rays revealed a fracture in his forearm. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Tate out, more drama for Stamps

Bone fracture. The QB is out of West final with arm injury

The Calgary Stampeders' soap opera of a week took another dramatic turn with the news quarterback Drew Tate is out for the rest of the season with a fractured forearm.

Kevin Glenn will start for the Stampeders in Sunday's West final in Vancouver versus the B.C. Lions.

Tate was sidelined 14 of 18 regular-season games because of a shoulder dislocation.

In just his third game back, Tate fractured a bone in his throwing arm during the third quarter of Sunday's division semifinal versus the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The 28-year-old finished the game and threw a 68-yard

touchdown pass to Romby Bryant with 20 seconds to go for a 36-30 win. But Tate says he felt pain in his arm prior to that drive.

Tests confirmed a broken bone in his lower right arm.

An X-ray on Tate's arm earlier this week didn't show cause for alarm, but he didn't take any snaps Wednesday.

Stampeders coach and general manager John Hufnagel had expected Tate to participate in full practice Thursday, but tests conducted later Wednesday found "a small fracture" that will take five to six weeks to heal, the coach said.

Tate wore a cast Thursday and says the injury occurred in the third quarter when he was tackled by Saskatchewan's Tyron Brackenridge.

"Brackenridge shoelace tackled me, kind of rolling to our sideline and I just went down on it," Tate explained. "It

didn't really bother me until before the last drive of the game."

Hufnagel had signed Tate to a three-year contract extension and jettisoned Henry Burris to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the off-season.

"I guess 2012 just wasn't my year," Tate said following Thursday's practice at McMahon Stadium.

Meanwhile, Calgary receiver Nik Lewis is still in hot water over a controversial tweet in which he refers to the 1995 murder trial of former NFL player O.J. Simpson.

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'Nothing off the table' to ease CTrain congestion

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Mayor asks Calgary Transit to come up with innovative ways to deal with crowding



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Mayor Naheed Nenshi describes it as a happy problem to have, but overcrowding on transit still presents a major challenge for Calgary, with no quick and easy solutions.

"The fact that the No. 1 complaint people have about Calgary Transit coming downtown is that it is too popular

speaks to how well the system is working," Nenshi said recently, adding that "congestion on Calgary Transit is a very big issue."

That's why he is now asking Transit to "take nothing off the table" as it looks for possible solutions.

Nenshi told Metro on Thursday that those solutions could include express buses to alleviate pressure on CTrains during peak hours and starting four-car train service before all the stations are equipped to handle it. It could even include "express trains."

Transit director Doug Morgan said all those options are being explored, although some are more feasible than others.

He said using buses as a

"relief valve" for peak LRT times is possible, but "not a really great option."

"Generally, the buses can't come anywhere near the level of service the LRT can give," he said.

As for adding four-car trains before all stations are equipped to handle them, Morgan said, "we would have to be very careful, but it's not impossible."

He noted New York City has some stations like that, where people on certain cars cannot disembark.

Express trains are probably not feasible, Morgan said, at least not yet.

"We don't have a lot of infrastructure where trains can bypass other, slower trains," he said.

Take the CTrain

- All available CTrain cars are currently in use during peak hours, Calgary Transit director Doug Morgan says.
- Transit is looking to ease congestion in the short-term with "creative solutions," he said, but long-term solutions require infrastructure upgrades.
- "Our goal is not to pack people on like sardines," Morgan said. "We want it to be somewhat of a pleasurable experience to commute in Calgary."

Economy.
Infrastructure debt was not campaign issue, Redford admits

While her party didn't campaign in the April election on running up debt, the economy has worsened since then and now they must adapt. Premier Alison Redford said Thursday.

"(Borrowing money) is not something that we talked about during the campaign because that wasn't the fiscal reality during the campaign," she said.

But she pointed to Tuesday's announcement by federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty that a weak global economy means the federal deficit will hit \$26 billion this year, \$5 billion more than predicted.

"The economic downturn has gone in a way that no one expected it to, the federal government has said that," Redford said. "What we will do is manage our government and manage our budget in tune with the times."

Her comments follow a weekend announcement by Finance Minister Doug Horner that the province will begin taking out loans to pay for infrastructure while keeping the \$40-billion day-to-day operating budget balanced.

Redford said the time is right. "Our triple-A credit rating allows us low borrowing costs, and if we pay for capital over time, just like we do in our lives, and not put off projects, we will pay less in the long run, socially and financially."

Opposition Wildrose leader Danielle Smith accused Redford of manipulating Albertans in a cynical political shell game by delivering a set of rosy oil-price and corporate-growth projections in February's pre-election budget, knowing they wouldn't be met.

"They didn't want to go to the public and face the electorate saying, 'Hey, vote for us and we'll go back into debt again.'"

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1 On display downtown.

Downright Graffilthy

Maria Hoover of Endeavor Arts stands in front of the current Graffilthy exhibit on display at the downtown gallery.

2 Puff N Stuff. The Jamaican leaves his mark

This elaborate mural is painted on the side of Puff N Stuff at 1509 8 St. S.W. It's signed "The Jamaican — 2011."



3 Endeavor Arts building. The writing's on the wall

In addition to the current Graffilthy exhibit, Endeavor Arts has commissioned this piece on the back of its building.

4 Supporting the art ... and trains.

Graffiti helps bridge the gap

A detailed and colourful mural spans the length of the support structure under a train trestle south of the 9th Avenue Bridge, just outside of Inglewood.

From the street to the gallery

The once-pristine white walls of the Endeavor Arts gallery are now screaming with colour, as curators attempt to change the perception of graffiti.

Graffilthy, a 70-foot installation composed by multiple artists, showcases what some may see as vandalism in a fine-art setting, said Maria Hoover, owner and manager of Endeavor.

"We're just trying to elevate how people see graffiti or street art in Calgary," said Hoover. "Every artist that we've met that does this type of art is extremely talented."

Curator of the exhibit Adam Melnyk has been following graffiti closely since the mid-90s and last year published his book *Visual Orgasm: The Early Years of Canadian Graffiti*.

Melnyk said as a young city, Calgary is relatively new to the world of street art compared to cities such as Toronto or Vancouver.

"Graffiti didn't really kick off here until the early '90s," he said. "It's always evolving. The skill level and expertise people develop with spray cans is always surprising and continues to grow."

Both Melnyk and Hoover agree the general perception of graffiti is shifting within Calgary, and many organizations, including Endeavor Arts, have commissioned artists to create graffiti-style pieces.

"When they see the wall, for some people it might just be tagging. It's just changing that perception that artists that do this are extremely talented as much as any other mixed-media artist," said Hoover. "It's very different, but it's still a form of art."

Graffilthy runs until Saturday at 200-1209 1 St. S.W.

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The Calgary Board of Education board of trustees, seen at a meeting last year, could soon be granted the ability to appoint a First Nations representative with full voting power. METRO FILE

First Nations can now be school trustees without a vote

New measures.

Proponents don't believe Education Act provisions set dangerous precedent

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Citing a need to improve the voice of First Nations parents in Alberta, the province has quietly added a provision into the Education Act that allows appointment —

rather than election — of school-board trustees from select communities.

The provision only applies to boards that have a tuition agreement in place with neighbouring First Nations settlement — the Calgary Board of Education, for example, would be eligible because kids are shipped in from Tsuu T'ina to learn at city schools.

Jacquie Hansen with the Alberta School Boards Association, however, said the new provisions outlined in the act, which could become law as early as late-2014,

would likely be first utilized by certain rural school boards in the province that have agreements in place with multiple First Nations bands.

"You are essentially taking these kids off the reserve and educating them in the public system, and there isn't really a voice," Hansen said.

First Nations leaders in the province raised concerns in 2009 over the need for school curriculum with an aboriginal perspective, funding gaps for students in their communities and

dismal graduation rates — figures in recent years have estimated up to 80 per cent of First Nations youth don't complete high school.

Clay Beck serves as president for the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Council. He welcomed the new provisions.

"The only way to get by any kind of bias or anything discriminatory or racist is through education, in my opinion," he said. "I think those things come out of fear ... to me this is going to help bring a light to a lot of this information."

Representation

- **One-third.** Appointed First Nations trustees are given full voting power but can only make up one-third of any Alberta school board, with the other positions being filled through general elections.
- **First up.** Jacquie Hansen with the Alberta School Boards Association said a school board in Wetaskiwin has already appointed a First Nations trustee.

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The winning numbers came up in Wednesday's Lotto 6-49 draw.

The Western Canada Lottery Corporation doesn't say where the ticket was purchased, or if the jackpot will go to one person or be shared by a group.

The total value of the jackpot is \$45,677,260.50.

The corporation also says someone in Edmonton won \$250,000 in Wednesday's Lotto 649 Extra draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP murder

Supreme Court declines Bulatci appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear the appeal of an Alberta man convicted of killing a Mountie in the Northwest Territories.

Emrah Bulatci was convicted three years ago of the first-degree murder of RCMP Const. Chris Worsten in Hay River in 2007.

He will continue serving a life sentence with no chance of parole for 25 years.

The killer challenged more than a dozen rulings made by the original trial judge.

As usual, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for refusing to hear Bulatci's appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Schools. Students opposed to homosexuality 'targeted' by bullies: Family group

Christians associated with a family action group plan to voice heavy criticism of a provincial move towards mandated full-day kindergarten and a new LGBTQ policy at a meeting this coming week.

The measures are expected to be raised at a fall general meeting of the Alberta School Boards Association from Sunday to Wednesday, but Brian Rushfeldt said those associated with Canada Family Action group believe longer days for kindergarten students is a dramatic move towards "state-controlled" education.

Furthermore, Rushfeldt said a strategy to overcome homophobia and other discrimination in schools could have a negative impact on kids taught

Opposing view

- Jacquie Hansen with the Alberta School Boards Association said in an interview with Metro last year that all school boards should be working towards policies that respect the sexuality of all students.

that marriage should only exist between a man and woman.

"This is about making schools safe for everybody," Rushfeldt said, adding students who voice displeasure with homosexuality are now being "targeted" by bullies.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Water leak

Seniors evacuated from northeast complex

Fire crews evacuated 45 residents from a seniors' complex early Thursday morning after a major water leak.

Around 5 a.m., the Calgary Fire Department was called to the Newport Harbour Care Centre on Country Village Cove N.E.

According to the CFD, 45 of 131 residents were evacuated into the lobby while crews isolated the break. Alternate housing is being sought for impacted residents. METRO



IN DEFENCE OF
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If you've spent some time on Twitter or Facebook recently, you likely already know that one of Calgary's most fun entrepreneurial endeavours is in deep trouble.

For four years, Market Collective has become home to local artists, who sell everything from paintings and photography to jewelry and clothes. Since its inception, the Market Collective has grown in both size and popularity, regularly offering more than 200 artists the opportunity to make money from the thousands of people who visit the event, which is usually held in the Ant Hill building in Kensington. (I'll understand if that's the first time you've read about local artists actually making real money.)

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Market Collective has always given me that awesome feeling of buying something and knowing that the profit is going directly to the person who made it. You don't get that at the malls or big-box stores.

busy holiday season, the market was to take place three times in the coming weeks. However, just a few days ago, the organizers received an email from the Calgary Parking Authority (who own the building) that due to several different circumstances, Market Collective is only allowed to hold one event before Christmas.

Talk about bah humbugging the holiday season. According to MC's Facebook page, Kensington BRZ expressed concerns over the lack of parking caused by the events and the potential lost revenue the stores in the area could experience.

As someone who has lived

in the heart of Kensington for the past few months, I can tell you that it's almost always impossible to find parking. That problem is not exclusive to the Market Collective events. I practically have to bribe my friends with promises of Crave cupcakes to get them to come visit me. As for lost business, if you have 3,000 to 5,000 people walking by your business and you can't seem to figure out how to get them in your store, I think you know who is to blame, don't you?

What I've always loved about Market Collective is that the items for sale are actually useful. They aren't

your great-aunt Esther's tole paintings. They are often beautiful and creative pieces that look great in your home, or make fantastic gifts. Market Collective has always given me that awesome feeling of buying something and knowing that the profit is going directly to the person who made it. You don't get that at the malls or big-box stores.

Depending on whose Twitter feed you follow, you'll get a different reason of why Market Collective is currently struggling to find a place to call home for the month of December. But to me, the most important thing is that they find a home. Because at the end of the day, more than location or cost, that unparalleled feeling of supporting local artists and businesses is what really matters.

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Battle brewing over SAIT's new drinking rules

Stricter booze-ordering provisions. Association cries foul, points out other post-secondary institutions do not maintain similar policies

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Bottoms up? Not until after 3 p.m. at SAIT, it seems.

That's because the Calgary polytechnic has put in place stronger restrictions on alcohol consumption at the two licensed venues on campus.

Students now must order a meal to accompany any alcoholic beverage served before 3 p.m. and are limited to two servings. As well, shooters are barred during that period.

The new measures were only put in place this past sum-

mer, but Matthew Armstrong with SAIT Students' Association said they already appear to be cutting profits by between 10 to 20 per cent at The Gateway bar, which is operated by his organization.

"It's quite shocking for us ... they did this without consulting us in any way, shape or form," Armstrong said. "We use that revenue to support the services we provide to students."

But SAIT spokesperson Mel-

anie Simmons said alcohol restrictions were already in place on campus and the administrators see the strengthened revisions as a proactive step to avoiding classroom hazards.

"SAIT's being proactive with this, with respect to safety, by limiting the possibility of people using dangerous equipment in class after drinking," Simmons said, adding SAIT offers more hands-on, trades learning than other local post-secondary institutions.



Staff at SAIT's The Gateway bar must now pay careful attention to how much alcohol is being served to patrons prior to 3 p.m. JEREMY NOLAI/METRO

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Staff at the Gateway Restaurant and Bar on the SAIT campus are hoping someone knows the whereabouts of merchandise stolen from the venue last month.

Police investigators believe the theft took place between Oct. 5 and Oct. 10 and are looking for a three-toned (brown, black and white) van that was parked nearby during that time. LISA WILTON/METRO

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Sex-crime investigation

**Michigan man
faces child-porn
charges**

Calgary police have laid charges related to child pornography against a Michigan man.

Jeremy Wayne Broecker is charged with two counts each of accessing and being in possession of child pornography.

He's also charged with several other offences, including living off the avails and extortion.

The charges come after a two-month investigation by the CPS vice unit into allegations the 32-year-old man was procuring women to work as escorts. LISA WILTON/METRO

**Big-city talk.
Mayors make
infrastructure
pledge**

Mayor Naheed Nenshi and the mayors of 21 other major Canadian cities pledged Thursday to put their money where their mouths have been on infrastructure funding.

The Big City Mayors Caucus pledged to match any new federal infrastructure funding dollar for dollar over the next 20 years.

"It is a major commitment for all the cities around the country," Nenshi told Metro from Ottawa.

"But we have traditionally paid our share of infrastructure projects."

The mayors called on the federal government to boost infrastructure investments by \$2.5 billion per year starting in 2013.

"In many of our cities, our infrastructure is crumbling, traffic congestion is brutal and public health is at risk," they stated.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



**Grow up to be
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Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen speaks to school kids Thursday at the Telus Spark science centre about space travel and exploration. Hansen, a CF-18 fighter pilot with the Canadian military, was one of two people picked in May 2009 as part of the third Canadian astronaut selection. He graduated from NASA's training program in 2011 and has been assigned to the mission of fellow Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, set to launch in late December. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Blueberry Tea

You don't need a brandy snifter to enjoy this cold-weather cocktail, although you'd look classier if you did. A variation on a hot toddy, Blueberry tea is usually made with 1 oz of Grand Marnier and a second ounce of Amaretto liqueur, blended into a pot or cup of orange pekoe or Earl Grey tea. A perfect "hair of the dog" for chilly Sunday mornings.



LISA WILTON/METRO

Hot Chocolate and Bailey's

Nothing beats the cold like a steaming hot cup of cocoa after a day of skiing, skating or just trudging through the snow on your way home from work. It's even better when there's a shot of Bailey's thrown in. The trick is to not have more Bailey's in the cup than hot chocolate. Also, calorie counters may want to avoid this diet disaster.



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The Italian-style warm-up

Found at Dacapo Caffe in Edmonton, Antonio Bilotta makes espresso to order and his cappuccinos are a work of art. Locally roasted beans are ground, packed and brewed into the strong, sometimes syrupy espresso, served straight up or as a base. To really put a fire in the belly, do as the Italians do first thing in the morning, or at quitting time on a Friday: Take a one-ounce cup of espresso with a shot of Sambuca.



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Chocolate Stout

According to Underground Tap and Grill manager David Helm, the brew to try this time of year is the Chocolate Stout from Rogue brewery. A top micro-brewer in North America, Rogue has produced a dark, rich beer that is heavy on the malt — the chocolatey part — with an added roasted-coffee taste that is common to a stout. "It's a fantastic winter warm-up, my new favourite after a long day," says Helm.

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Little remains after a fire tore through the Turner Valley home of Willi and Elly Craciun, inset, on Nov. 5. CONTRIBUTED



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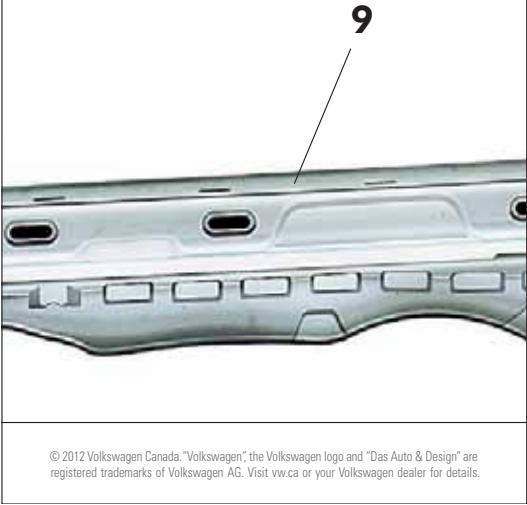
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Turner Valley fire victim says she's 'not ready to die'

Fighter. Elly Craciun has already outlived doctors' expectations by a week after suffering severe burns

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Walking into Elly Craciun's hospital room, you might not know doctors have said she would almost certainly succumb to injuries suffered in a severe house fire earlier this month.

According to her son-in-law Julian Bromwich, family members have covered the Foothills Hospital room with Christmas decor, and her granddaughters have taken it upon themselves to sing and be merry.

"We are keeping things pretty light," Bromwich said.

Craciun was pulled from her

Turner Valley home by a Good Samaritan with just seconds to spare after a fire erupted Nov. 5.

According to Bromwich, oxygen tanks the 81-year-old had relied on to keep her alive ignited just seconds after she got away.

She and her husband, Willi Craciun, lost all of their personal belongings in the blaze. But even more serious were the severe burns Elly suffered. Doctors have opted against surgery, fearing the elderly woman would die on the operating table.

Days after the blaze, doctors informed Elly and her family she has a slim to no chance of ever walking out of the hospital.

Bromwich said the grim prognosis has done little to quell his mother-in-law's fighting spirit. "She told us, 'I'm not ready to die,'" he said.

Friends and family members have begun gathering donations and money to help him out."

Donations

- The Foothills Lions Club and other donors have already given clothing, furniture and other items to assist the Craciuns.
- A trust fund has also been set up through ATB Financial (account No. 723-00112685700).
- Information on where and how to donate to the Craciuns can be found at turnervalleyfire.com.

Willi put his life back together should his wife die.

"Willi would literally give you the clothes off his back," said James Lee, president of the Foothills Lions Club, where Willi has served for more than four decades. "This is just about us doing what we can to help him out."

A first for Alberta. U of A to host conference for gay-straight alliances



The conference will connect students across the province. GETTY IMAGES

Sixty students from across the province will meet in Edmonton on Saturday to network, support and learn from one another at Alberta's first conference for gay-straight alliances.

The conference, hosted by the U of A's Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (ISMSS), will focus on connecting students involved in gay-straight alliances from across the province.

Dr. Kristopher Wells, ISMSS associate director, estimates that there are 40 GSA organizations in Alberta, from counsellors to open student groups to proactive social justice champions.

"The main goal is to help support and sustain gay-straight alliances in our schools, recognizing that these

are not only important, safe places, but important educational spaces to show diversity, equity and human rights," said Wells, noting that the first known GSA in Alberta was formed in Red Deer in 2000.

Spoon, a musician and author, was born and raised in Alberta as a girl before coming out as transgender.

"I hope it brings a sense of broader community. It's easy to feel isolated in high school, but meeting other students in the same situation, the same age group, will be really great to show the diversity of the community," Spoon told Metro.

Wells said this is the first of many conferences, and hopes the event will take place in a different Alberta city or town in the coming years. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

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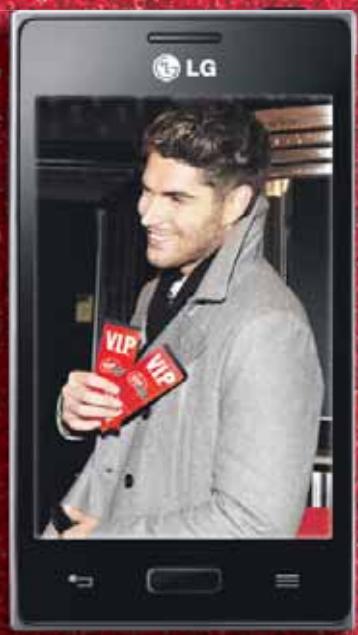
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Number of doctors at all-time high

What's up? Docs.

Proportion of physicians rapidly outpacing country's population growth

A new report says that over the last five years, the number of doctors in Canada has increased at a rate three times faster than that of the population.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says there were more than 72,500 physicians in 2011, a rise of 14 per cent since 2007.

Unsolved problems

While rural regions have managed to attract new doctors with a number of programs, many areas are still badly understaffed.

The Canadian population grew 4.7 per cent over the same time period.

Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec had the highest physician-to-population ratios, while Saskatchewan and P.E.I. had the lowest.

In 2011, 51 per cent of Canada's doctors practised family medicine, while 49 per cent were medical and surgical specialists.

The report also found that more doctors are practising in rural Canada compared to five years earlier, including 15 per cent of the country's general practitioners. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

- Enderby, B.C., will soon have only one doctor for its 3,000 residents. The northern Okanagan community previously had a total of five.



The inviolable right to life

Hanna Graham joins a candle-lit protest outside Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland on Thursday for Savita Halappanavar, the 31-year-old Indian woman who was 17 weeks pregnant when she was denied an abortion and died of blood poisoning after suffering a miscarriage in Galway, Ireland, on Oct. 28. Halappanavar's father, Andanappa Yalagi, said the combination of medical negligence and Irish abortion laws led to his daughter's death. **PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Mallards and mares

Justin Trudeau, horse fighter

Which would you rather fight: A horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses? Justin Trudeau recently tackled the question in a P.E.I. student newspaper.

"Definitely 100 duck-sized horses," he said, noting the ferocity of Canadian geese. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Northern neighbours

Russia silences native voices at Arctic Council

Canada is expressing concern about Russia shutting down a group that represents its northern aborigines at international Arctic Council meetings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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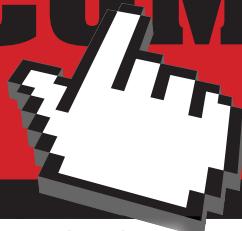
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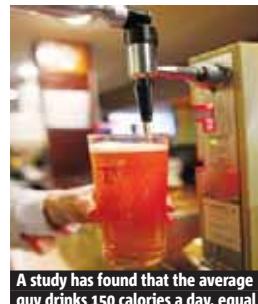
Booze bulge. Study says Americans pack on the pounds through alcohol

Americans get too many calories from soda. But what about alcohol? It turns out adults get almost as many empty calories from booze as from soft drinks, a government study found.

Soda and other sweetened drinks — the focus of obesity-fighting public-health campaigns — are the source of about six per cent of the calories adults consume, on average. Alcoholic beverages account for about five per cent, the new study found.

"We've been focusing on sugar-sweetened beverages. This is something new," said Cynthia Ogden, one of the study's authors. She's an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which released its findings Thursday.

The government research-



A study has found that the average guy drinks 150 calories a day, equal to a can of Budweiser. GETTY IMAGES

ers say the findings deserve attention because, like soda, alcohol contains few nutrients but plenty of calories.

The CDC study is based on interviews with more than 11,000 U.S. adults from 2007 through 2010.

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Tycho. Scientists say Danish astronomer didn't die from mercury

Ever since Tycho Brahe died suddenly more than 400 years ago, there has been mystery about whether the Dane whose celestial observations laid the groundwork for modern astronomy fell victim to natural causes or was murdered.

On Thursday, scientists who had exhumed his body said one thing is clear: If he was murdered, it wasn't with mercury, as many rumours had claimed.

"We measured the concentration of mercury using

three different quantitative chemical methods in our labs" in the Czech Republic and Denmark, said Kaare Lund Rasmussen, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Southern Denmark.

"All tests revealed the same result: That mercury concentrations were not sufficiently high to have caused his death," he said in a statement.

Tests on the remains are still being conducted.

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Brazil looks to cloning to combat extinction

Threatened species.

Brazilian project collecting cells from endangered animals, but initial cloning attempt is likely still years away

Brazilian researchers are turning to cloning to help fight the perilous decline of several animal species.

The scientists at Brazil's Embrapa agriculture research agency said this week they have spent two years building a gene library with hundreds of samples from eight native species, including the collared anteater, the bush dog, the black lion tamarin, the coati, and deer and bison varieties, as well as the jaguar and the maned wolf.

While still in its early stages, with the birth of a clone likely years away, the project represents Brazilian scientists' first foray into the cloning of wild animals, said team leader Carlos Frederico Martins.

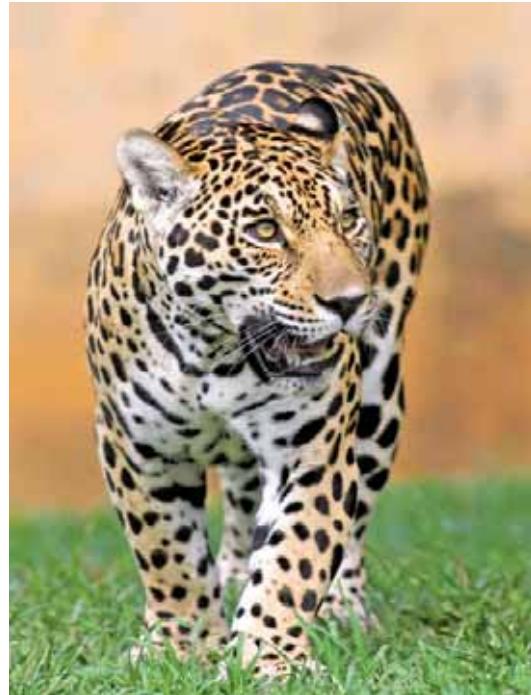
Scientists in other parts of the world have been cloning threatened species for more than a decade, though with a low rate of success, and sometimes with the criticism of conservationists who say more should instead be done to save endangered animals in the wild by protecting their natural habitats.

Martins said that any clones that emerge from the Brazilian project would go

Hour of the wolf

The project's top candidate for initial cloning is the maned wolf, a towering canine with long legs and a thick red pelt.

- **Creating pups.** A skin cell from the wolf would be inserted into the egg of a common dog and then implanted into another dog's uterus.
- **Endangered list.** With an estimated total population of 23,600, the vast majority of them in Brazil, the maned wolf is classified as "near threatened" on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.



An onça pintada jaguar walks in the Jardim Zoo in Brazil. It is one of eight species whose cells are being stored in a gene library by scientists at Brazil's Embrapa agriculture research agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to zoos, not into the wild.

"The idea is not to use cloning as a primary conservation tool," Martins said in a phone interview from a farm outside the national capital, Brasilia. He stressed that clones don't resolve one of the main problems facing species with dwindling populations, which is maintaining a sufficiently varied gene pool.

"Let's be clear that cloning can't be a substitute for protecting endangered animals' habitats," Martins said. "It's a way to aid zoos, beef up their collections, particularly for animals that don't easily breed in captivity."

Nearly all the samples in the Embrapa team's gene library were culled from the bodies of dead animals, generally road kill brought in from the Cerrado, the vast tropical Savannah that surrounds Brasilia.

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A tricky enterprise

Learning From Dolly

The cloning of animals became a reality in 1996 with the birth of the Dolly the sheep. Dolly developed a virus-induced lung disease and was euthanized at age six — about half the life expectancy of her breed — but she gave birth to four lambs. Cloning remains a difficult enterprise with a

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Brazen attack on Tel Aviv may trigger ground invasion of Gaza

Heaviest fighting in four years. Daily life at a standstill on both sides of the border

Palestinian militants targeted densely populated Tel Aviv in Israel's heartland with rockets for the first time Thursday, part of an unprecedented barrage that threatened to provoke an Israeli ground assault on Gaza. Three Israelis were killed.

Air-raid sirens wailed and panicked residents ran for cover in Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and cultural capital. Israel responded by moving troops and heavy weapons toward Gaza and authorizing the call-up of tens of thousands of reservists.

There was no word on where the two rockets aimed at Tel Aviv landed, raising the possibility they fell into the Mediterranean. A third rocket landed in an open area on the southern outskirts of Tel Aviv. Those attacks came after Israel launched a ferocious air assault



A woman photographs Israeli soldiers on top of an armoured personal carrier close to the Israel-Gaza border in southern Israel on Thursday. Israel's prime minister says the army is prepared for a "significant widening" of its operation in the Gaza Strip. Benjamin Netanyahu told reporters Israel has "made it clear" it won't tolerate continued rocket fire on its civilians. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday to stop repeated rocket fire from Gaza. The powerful Hamas military chief was killed in that strike, and another 18 Palestinians have died over two days, including five children.

There were mounting signs of a ground operation. At least 12 trucks were seen transporting tanks and armoured personnel carriers toward Gaza late Thursday. Israeli TV stations said a Gaza incursion was

expected on Friday, though military officials said no decision had been made.

"We will increase the attacks, and I believe we will obtain our objectives," said Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz, Israel's mil-

itary chief.

Hamas, meanwhile, warned it would strike deeper inside Israel with Iranian-made Fajr-5 rockets, acknowledging for the first time it has longer-range weapons. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

International reaction

- The White House says the U.S. strongly condemns the barrage of rocket fire from Gaza into Israel. Spokesman Jay Carney says there is "no justification" for the violence perpetrated by Hamas and other terrorist organizations.

- Egypt's Islamist president Mohammed Morsi, whose party is an ally of Gaza's Hamas rulers, recalled Egypt's ambassador to Israel in protest and on Thursday ordered his prime minister to head to the tiny Palestinian territory in solidarity.

- Iran is another close ally of Hamas rulers. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast was quoted as calling the Israeli bombardment of Gaza "organized terrorism."

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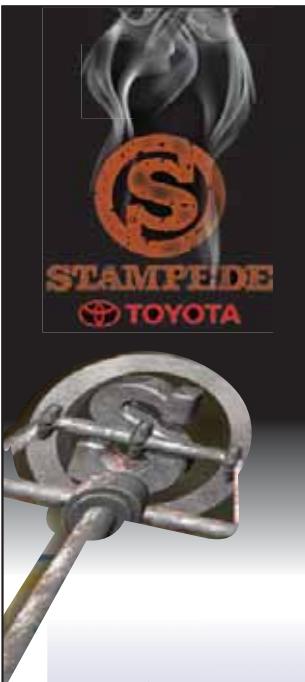
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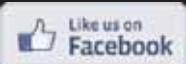
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Obama views Superstorm Sandy's devastation in N.Y.C.

Superstorm aftermath.

President sees wreckage more than two weeks after the storm ripped through the region

U.S. President Barack Obama vowed Thursday to stick with New Yorkers still struggling 17 days after Superstorm Sandy "until the rebuilding is complete" after getting an up-close look at devastated neighbour-

hoods rendered uninhabitable.

Obama brought the spotlight to people still living without heat or electricity and hugged many of those trying to rebuild their lives. He also delivered a post-election message of unity, nine days after a closely divided America gave him a second term.

"We're reminded that we are bound together and we have to look out for each other," Obama said from a block in Staten Island that was demolished by the storm. "The petty differences melt away."

Obama announced that Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, former chief of New York's Housing Authority, will be his point person to oversee long-term rebuilding in the region.

The president encountered many still suffering in Sandy's aftermath, waiting in lines for food, supplies and other help. He also met privately with parents who experienced the most unthinkable tragedy — the loss of their young boys, Brandon and Connor Moore, who

were swept away in the storm. Damien and Glenda Moore's sons were among more than 100 people who lost their lives because of the powerful storm.

"Obviously I expressed to them as a father, as a parent, my heartbreak over what they went through," Obama said. He said the Moores were "still a little shell-shocked" but wanted to thank the New York City police lieutenant who stayed with them and supported them until their boys' bodies were found.

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U.S. President Barack Obama, accompanied by, from left, Sen. Charles Schumer, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, hugs Debbie Ingenito Thursday on Cedar Grove Avenue. The street, on Staten Island, was significantly damaged by Superstorm Sandy. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

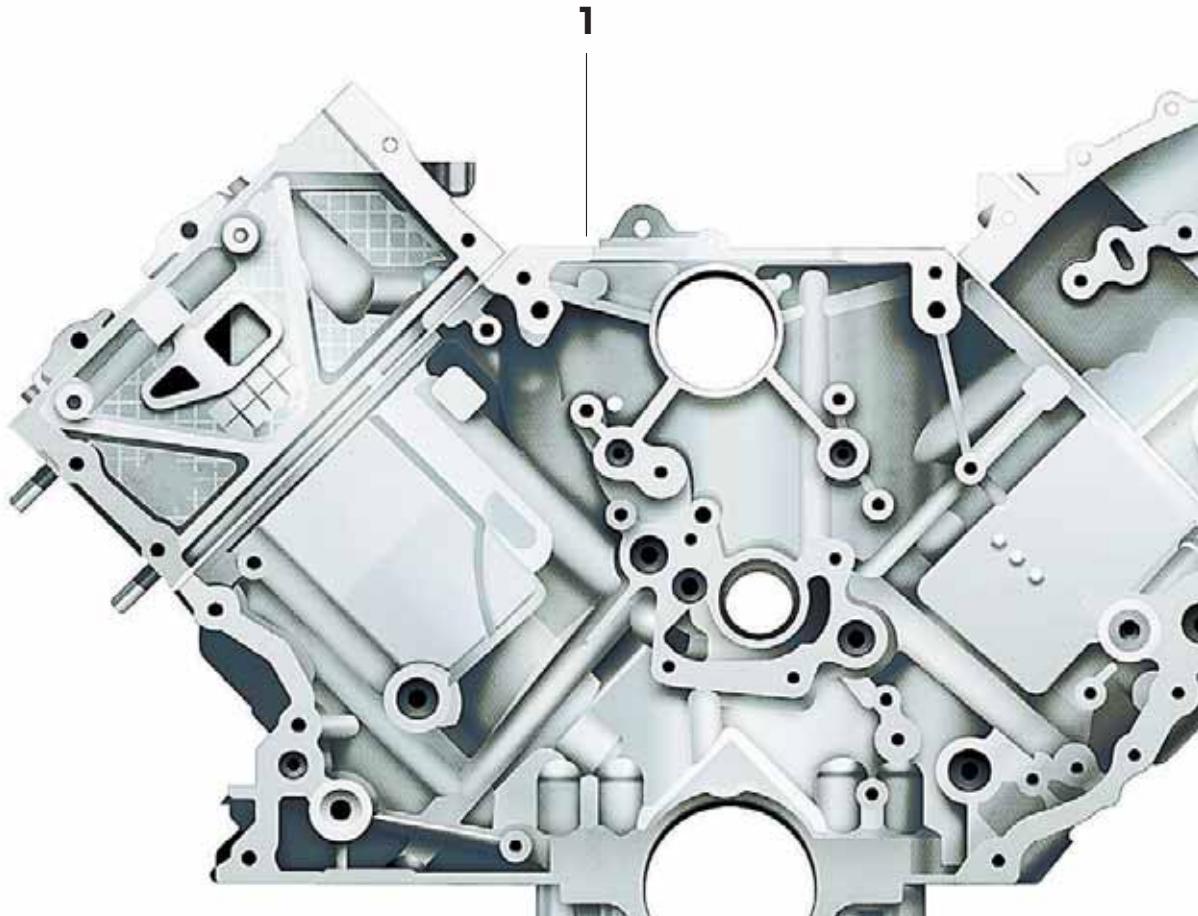
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Tweeting trash talk? Free speech debate abuzz in U.K.

Social-media snag.

Spate of prosecutions for Twitter and Facebook tirades spark controversy



People use computers at a shop in central London on Wednesday.

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One teenager made offensive comments about a murdered child on Twitter. Another young man wrote on Facebook that British soldiers should "go to hell." A third posted a picture of a burning paper poppy, symbol of remembrance of war dead.

All were arrested, two convicted, and one jailed — and they're not the only ones. In Britain, hundreds of people are prosecuted each year for posts, tweets, texts and emails deemed menacing, indecent, offensive or obscene, and the number is growing as our online lives expand.

Lawyers say the mounting tally shows the problems of a legal system trying to regulate 21st century communications with 20th century laws. Civil libertarians say it is a threat to free speech in an age when the Internet gives everyone the power to be heard around the

tally of prosecutions in Britain for electronic communications — phone calls, emails and social-media posts — that are "grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character" (from 1,263 in 2009 to 1,843 in 2011.) The number of convictions grew from 873 in 2009 to 1,286 last year.

Behind the figures are people — mostly young, many teenagers — who find that a glib online remark can have life-altering consequences.

No one knows this better than Paul Chambers, who in January 2010, worried that snow would stop him catching a flight to visit his girlfriend, tweeted: "Crap! Robin Hood airport is closed. You've got a week and a bit to get your (expletive) together otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high."

A week later, anti-terrorist police showed up at the office where he worked as a financial supervisor.

Chambers was arrested, questioned for eight hours, charged, tried, convicted and fined. He lost his job, amassed thousands of dollars in legal costs and was, he says, "essentially unemployable" because of his criminal record.

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world.

"Fifty years ago someone would have made a really offensive comment in a public space and it would have been heard by relatively few people," said Mike Harris of free-speech group Index on Censorship. "Now someone posts a picture of a burning poppy on Facebook and potentially hundreds of thousands of people can see it."

"People take it upon themselves to report this offensive material to police, and suddenly you've got the criminalization of offensive speech."

Figures obtained by The Associated Press through a freedom-of-information request show a steadily rising



That's one tall order

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, holds up a potato "twirl" as she tours a farmers' market on Thursday in Feilding, New Zealand. The Royal couple are in New Zealand on the last leg of a Diamond Jubilee tour that also took in Papua New Guinea and Australia. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Tall tales fly high

British pub holds world's biggest liar competition

Fantastic fibbers are gathering at a remote pub in northwestern England to vie for the title of world's biggest liar. Contestants have five minutes to impress the judges with a whopping but convincing lie. Politicians and lawyers are barred from entry, as they are considered to have an unfair advantage.

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Scandal

BBC settles after false abuse claim

The BBC reached a settlement Thursday with the Conservative politician wrongly implicated in a child sex-abuse scandal. The BBC has already apologized for linking 70-year-old Alastair McAlpine, a member of the House of Lords, to child sex abuse that happened decades ago in Wales. The mistaken report has caused turmoil within BBC management ranks and led to the resignation of its chief.

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Van City paving way for 'green' streets

Blue-box plastic.

City is one step closer to becoming greenest in world with new recipe for asphalt: Official

It may still look like tar-black road asphalt, but the ingredi-

ents in a mixture used by Vancouver paving crews is actually green.

The City of Vancouver is experimenting with a new asphalt recipe along a city street that includes plastics from the household recycle bin.

Peter Judd, general manager of engineering services in Vancouver, says the idea is win, win, win for the city.

Judd says they're saving on greenhouse gases, cutting down on plastic from blue bins and chopping vapour emitted from the paving process because the asphalt is cooler.

He says the new method brings the city one step closer to becoming the greenest in the world.

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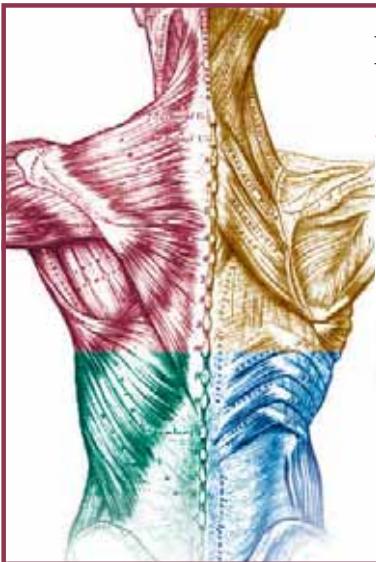
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Romney blames Obama's win on 'gifts' to minorities

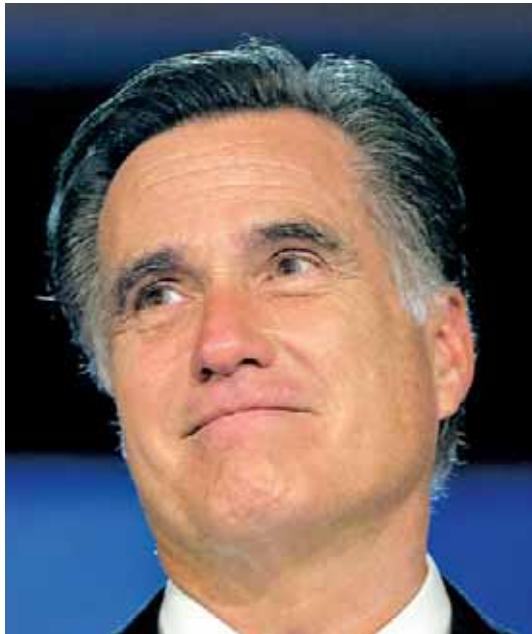
Sore loser? Former presidential hopeful claims a superb campaign, while top Republicans point out several missteps

Former Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney says U.S. President Barack Obama won re-election last week because of the "gifts" Obama had provided to blacks, Hispanics and young voters and because of his effort to paint Romney as anti-immigrant.

"The president's campaign... focused on giving targeted groups a big gift," Romney said in a phone call with top donors Wednesday. He cited immigration proposals aimed at Hispanics and free contraception coverage that appealed to young women. "He made a big effort on small things."

Romney said his campaign, in contrast, had been about "big issues for the whole country."

White House press secretary Jay Carney disputed Rom-



Top Republicans say their party lost the election because their presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, seen delivering his concession speech at his election-night rally, did not respond to criticism strongly enough or outline a specific agenda with a broad appeal. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ney's assessment Thursday, telling reporters travelling with Obama aboard Air Force One that policies allowing more young people to go to college or stay on their parents' health plans are good for all Americans and the economy as a whole.

Romney also didn't acknowledge any major missteps and said his team had run a superb campaign.

By contrast, many Republicans are questioning their strategy after Obama's strong win, with some saying they must reach out to Hispanics and others as their core demographic, aging white males, shrinks.

Growing numbers of Hispanic, black and young voters overwhelmingly voted Democratic last week.

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New York state

Police investigate underage exotic dance party

Police are investigating reports that exotic dancers performed lap dances on teenagers at a boy's surprise 16th birthday party in New York state on Nov. 3. Saratoga County District Attorney James Murphy says child endangerment is among the potential charges.

Police Chief Kevin Judd says photos were given to his department capturing the party. At least one image shows a scantily clad woman clinging upside down to a seated teen.

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Politicking. U.S. atheists sue IRS over church groups' electioneering

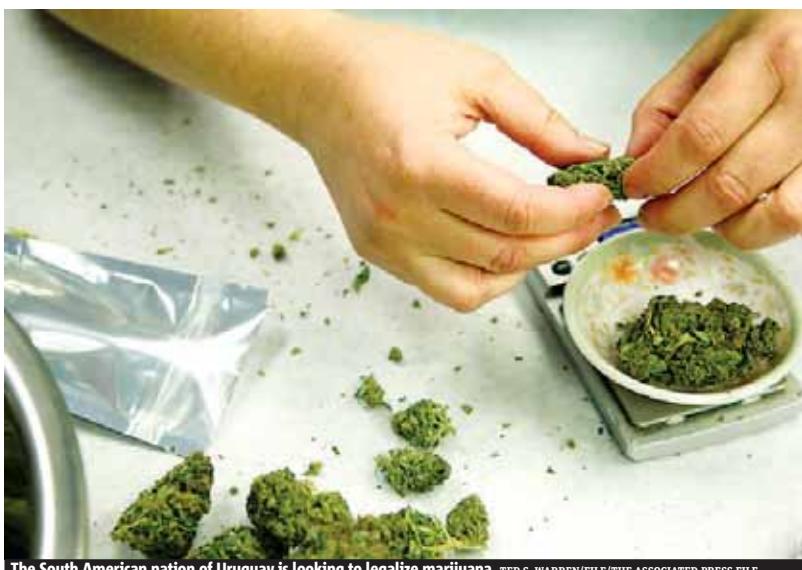
A U.S. group representing atheists and agnostics has filed a federal lawsuit arguing that the Internal Revenue Service is violating the constitution by allowing tax-exempt churches and religious organizations to get involved in political campaigns.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation argues that churches and religious organizations have become more involved in political campaigns, "blatantly and deliberately flaunting the electioneering restrictions."

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Wisconsin cites several examples, including full-page ads that ran this fall in the New York Times and other news-

Tax man
The lawsuit argues that the IRS is not enforcing the federal tax code, which prohibits tax-exempt religious organizations from electioneering.

papers by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association that featured a photo of renowned evangelist Billy Graham urging Americans to vote along biblical principles. Graham met in October with Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney and pledged to do all he could to help him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The South American nation of Uruguay is looking to legalize marijuana. TED S. WARREN/FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Uruguay moves toward legalizing marijuana

New leading pot dealer? Uruguay lawmakers consider legalization of marijuana with goal of outselling pot dealers

Uruguay came one step closer to turning the government into the country's leading pot dealer on Thursday, as lawmakers formally introduced to Congress a framework for regulating the production, sale and consumption of marijuana.

The proposal is much

more liberal than what Uruguay's government initially proposed months ago, when President Jose Mujica said only the government would be allowed to sell pot.

The draft law would instead create a National Cannabis Institute to license individuals and companies to produce and sell marijuana. It would foster marijuana-growing clubs to provide the need to their members.

And most significantly, it would allow anyone to grow a limited amount of marijuana in their own homes, and possess marijuana for their own consumption.

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Toking and driving. U.S. cops consider how to deal with stoned drivers

It's settled. Pot, at least certain amounts of it, will soon be legal under state laws in Washington and Colorado. Now, officials in both states are trying to figure out how to keep stoned drivers off the road.

Colorado's measure doesn't make any changes to the state's driving-under-the-influence laws, leaving lawmakers and police to worry about its effect on road safety.

"We're going to have more impaired drivers," warned John Jackson, police chief in the Denver suburb of Greenwood Village.

Washington's law does

change driving-under-the-influence provisions by setting a new blood-test limit for marijuana — a limit police are training to enforce, and which some lawyers are already gearing up to challenge.

"We've had decades of studies and experience with alcohol," said Washington State Patrol spokesman Dan Coon. "Marijuana is new, so it's going to take some time to figure out how the courts and prosecutors are going to handle it. But the key is impairment: We will arrest drivers who drive impaired, whether it be drugs or alcohol."

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Comparison

Uruguay vs. the U.S.

A look at a proposal to legalize marijuana in Uruguay, compared with the new laws in two U.S. states:

Uruguay: The proposal formally introduced to Congress on Thursday would create a National Cannabis Institute with the power to license people and companies to produce marijuana for recreational, medical or industrial uses. It would allow adults to possess up to 40 grams for personal use and anyone to grow up to six pot plants and produce up to 480 grams of marijuana in their own homes. People could join clubs of up to 15 pot smokers who together would be licensed by the state to grow as many as 90 plants at a time (up to 7,200 grams of marijuana a year).

Colorado: Allows adults 21 and older to possess up to two ounces of marijuana without a doctor's recommendation, and to grow up to six marijuana plants. It does not allow marijuana to be used publicly.

Washington State: Decriminalizes the possession of up to an ounce of marijuana for adults over the age of 21. The state will license the growing, processing and labelling of marijuana.



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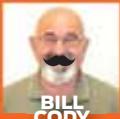
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Germany ups compensation for Holocaust survivors

Commitment. Finance minister revises 1952 treaty to increase pensions and broaden payments for victims

Sixty years after a landmark accord started German government compensation for victims of Nazi crimes, fund administrators and German officials say payments to Holocaust survivors are needed more than ever as they enter their final years.

Most Holocaust survivors experienced extreme trauma as children, suffered serious malnutrition, and lost almost all of their relatives — leaving them today with severe psychological and medical problems, and little or no family support network to help them cope.

In acknowledgement of that, German Finance Min-

ister Wolfgang Schaeuble signed off officially Thursday on revisions to the original 1952 compensation treaty, increasing pensions for those living in eastern Europe and broadening who is eligible for payments. Contributions to home care for survivors already have been increased.

“Survivors are passing away on a daily basis but the other side is that individual survivors are needing more help than ever,” the chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Julius Berman, told The Associated Press ahead of the ceremony.

Holocaust survivor Roman Kent said his experience is something that he will never be able to forget.

“Just witnessing the atrocities committed at the gate entering Auschwitz-Birkenau is more than enough to keep me awake at night until the end of time,” he

Payout

Germany has paid \$8 billion US in compensation since 1952 for Nazi crimes

- Germany has already increased home care for Holocaust survivors by 15 per cent.
- 80,000 Jews who resettled in the former Soviet Union will receive one-time payments of \$3,253.
- There are still around 500,000 Holocaust survivors living worldwide.

said.

But he stressed that he does not hold current generations of Germans responsible for the past, saying they are actually today united in purpose with Holocaust survivors. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Julius Berman, walks through the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin on Thursday. German officials say payments to Holocaust survivors are needed more than ever.

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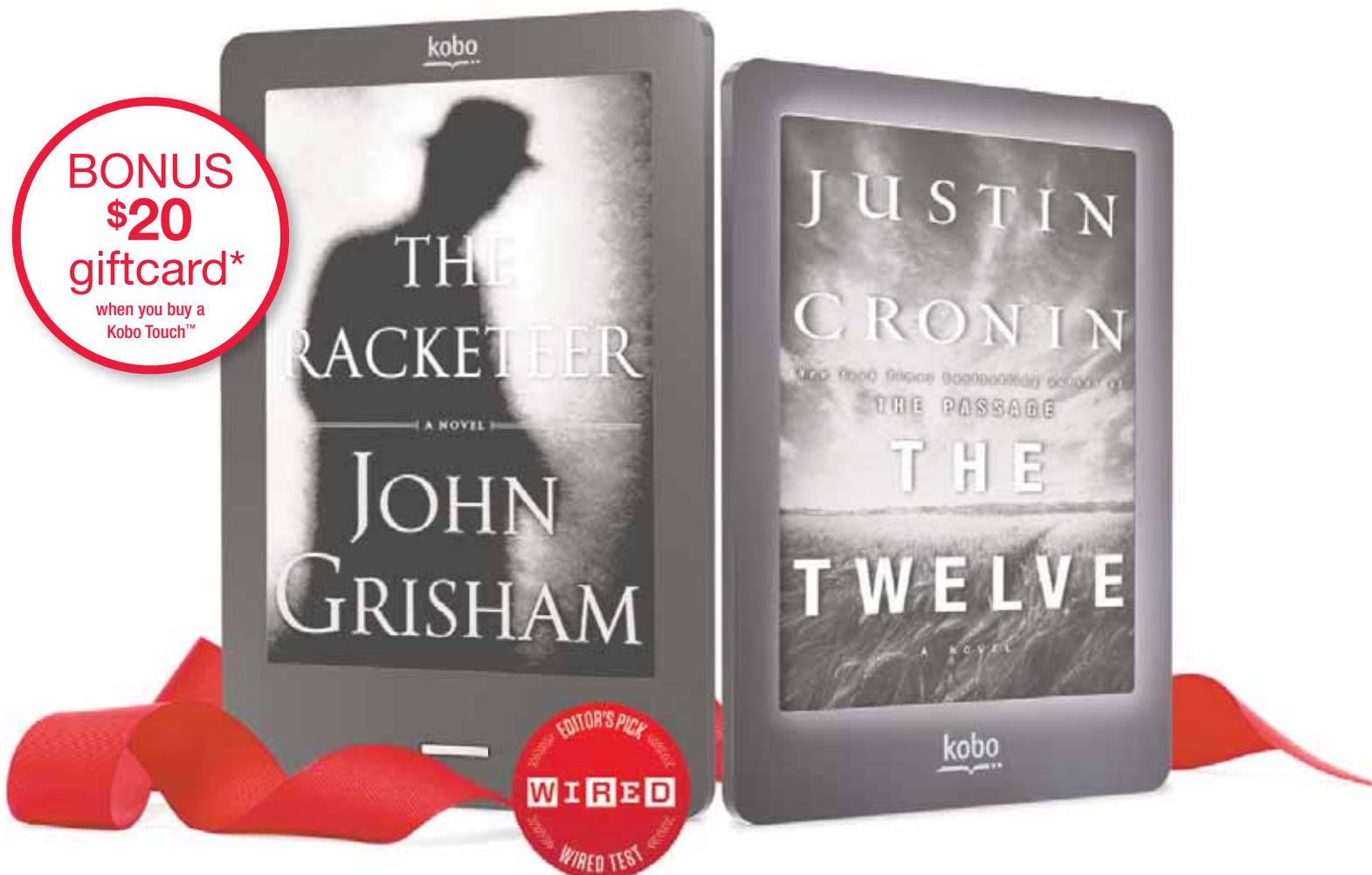




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FBI agent in Petraeus case has ties to Canada

Canadian connection.

French education helped Humphries make the 1999 arrest of an Algerian al-Qaida member



FBI agent Frederick Humphries

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There's now a Canadian connection to the David Petraeus sex scandal following revelations that the FBI agent who helped uncover the disgraced CIA director's extra-marital affair went to high school in Canada and played a key role in the infamous Ahmed Ressam case 13 years ago.

Frederick Humphries, one of the key players in the tawdry

unravelling of Petraeus's once-storied career, set the wheels in motion for the general's downfall after he

agreed last spring to investigate anonymous emails sent to a friend in Tampa, socialite Jill Kelley.

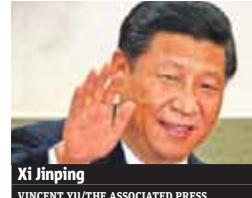
Humphries, 47, a counterterrorism specialist at the FBI, was born in the Washington state community of Steilacoom but attended high school somewhere in Ontario.

His mother and stepfather live in Illinois. He reportedly learned French in the Canadian school system, a skill that helped him nab Ressam, who claimed to be a Montrealer in 1999 as he attempted to sneak across the Canada-U.S. border to blow up the Los Angeles airport in a thwarted millennium attack.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

New leader. Xi assumes power in China amid demands for reform

Long-ointed successor Xi Jinping assumes the leadership of China at a time when the ruling Communist Party is confronting slower economic growth, a public clamour to end corruption and demands for change that threaten its hold on power. In his first address to the nation, Xi, a 59-year-old son of a revolutionary hero, acknowledged the lengthy agenda for what should be the first of two five-year terms in office. He promised to deliver better



Xi Jinping

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social services while making sure China stands tall in the world and the party continues to rule.

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NORAD

Flight exercises to fly over B.C.

Officials with the Colorado-based North American Aerospace Defence Command are holding exercise flights in the United States and Canada. Flights to practise intercept and identification procedures are scheduled Thursday off the coast of Seattle and British Columbia's Vancouver Island.

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One-on-one with Mansbridge

National matters.

Peter Mansbridge shares his thoughts on the media, consumers and climate change

 RUTH DAVENPORT
Metro in Halifax

Veteran news anchor Peter Mansbridge was in Halifax Thursday for a live broadcast of *The National*.

Mansbridge has worked as a journalist for 45 years, 25 of those with the CBC anchoring the nightly newscast. He sat down with Metro to share some insights from nearly a half-century of experience.

There have been a lot of major developments on the international scene in the last few years — what's your sense, given your vast

Top 5

Mansbridge's top-five standout moments in journalism:

- One-on-one with U.S. President Barack Obama.
- Being in Berlin when the wall fell.
- Travelling the Northwest Passage on the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent.
- 1979 documentary on the "boat people" of Vietnam.
- His three years as a rookie in Churchill, Man., covering the "stories that matter."

experience, of how engaged people are today?

What I've found with our audience generally is that when something big happens, they're very interested. Then as things quiet down, they're more concerned about domestic issues.

Lots is dependent on what we do in the media — we spent so much money covering the post-9/11 period and the Iraq war, and then we ran out of money. And sadly, when that happens, you pull back on international coverage because it's the most expensive, and you're giving less information, and it shows.

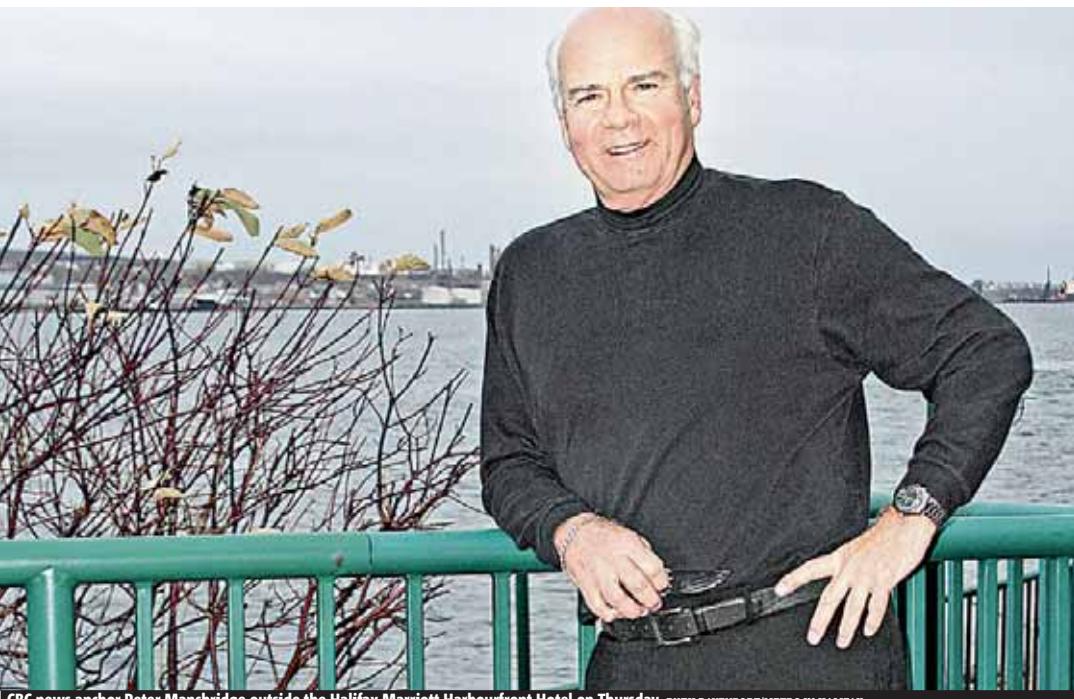
Of late, Syria is a hugely important story but I don't think people are going to be leaping to their television at night saying, 'Man, what's happening in Syria?' The latest escalation of violence between the Israelis and Palestinians may do that.

Where does the chicken-and-egg cycle start between what the media provides and what consumers want?

I think the cycle has gotten worse, for a number of reasons. One of them is at times a failure on our part.

Look at the example this week at how so much of the media went crazy over the (David) Petraeus story. Why did they do that? My theory is that it's a lot easier to tell the Petraeus story than it is to tell the fiscal-cliff story. Which one actually impacts your life? The fiscal cliff. So people get cynical because they look at that and say, "What's the matter with these guys?"

But when you look at



CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge outside the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel on Thursday. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO IN HALIFAX

programs like Entertainment Tonight, they're wildly popular. There's an appetite for scandal and "sexy" stuff.

That's true, and that's where it belongs, is programs like that. I do fault the consumer to some degree. They have to make a decision about what they're going to watch and what they're going to trust. And if they're going to demand that not only on Entertainment Tonight but also in the nightly news, they'll get what they asked for, and that's too bad.

What's the story that's the

most under-reported?

I think we do a pathetic job on the climate-change story. It's changing our world, without question. It's not all bad — some things are good about climate change — but there are some things that are threatening the way we live, and other countries are miles ahead of us in adapting to climate change. We've got to get in the game.

Between poverty, over-population, climate change and the economy, the future's looking kind of grim.

Quoted

"It comes back to that issue of, what's news? Is it what's entertaining and what people are talking about at water coolers, or is it what's important?"

Peter Mansbridge

If we're going to avert the apocalypse, what would you tell both media and media consumers that we all need to do?

The common thread for both consumers and journalists is to understand an issue before you decide on it. In today's

world of journalism where the pressure's on time, you've got to spend more time doing the basic journalism before going on the air. Our role is a fundamental, basic pillar of democracy, and if we do it poorly, everybody suffers. If we do it right, we end up living in a better society.

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Experts weigh in on how much diners should tip

Tipping point. Tapped out or generous, patrons and servers don't see eye-to-eye on tips, say experts

Everybody's got their two cents' worth on tipping.

"A tip is our way of saying thank you for doing a great job," says etiquette expert Margaret Page.

As soon as it becomes expected, then it's part of a person's wage or salary and it's not optional, says Page of Etiquette Page Enterprises in Vancouver.

"And that's not the intention of the tip," she adds.

Page said a 15 per cent tip is the standard for a good meal and 20 per cent for a really good meal with "exceptional" service. She said the tip is added before the tax, which of course goes to the government.

Tipping has been making headlines recently after those on the receiving end, who



A tip is left on a table Tuesday in Montreal. Etiquette experts say tipping is a thank you and the standard remains at 15 per cent, and 20 per cent for exceptional service. **RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

got nothing for their efforts, acted on their discontent.

A woman who left no tip gained Internet notoriety after spending almost \$140 at a restaurant and writing: "Single mom, sorry" in the space reserved for the tip. A photo of the bill was posted

on social-news website Reddit by her server.

The photo of the woman's bill has gone viral and been viewed more than 600,000 times, sparking much online commentary about her behaviour.

Tipping was also in the

news when a Pizza Hut employee in Des Moines, Iowa, became so upset after a woman didn't give him a tip that he allegedly pulled down his pants and urinated on her front door, a local TV station reported. The woman apparently said she didn't have the money for a tip.

Website tipthepizzaguy.com says drivers should be tipped because they bring dinner to your door.

Prof. Bruce McAdams estimates that tips from full-service restaurants bring in \$6 billion a year to the Canadian economy, based on a 15 per cent tip rate. But he noted it has to be questioned how much is being declared and how it is distributed among staff.

In Canada, there's an expectation that restaurant tips be between 15 per cent and 20 per cent, he said.

What about those tip bowls at coffee shops and fast-food restaurants? Page said it's not necessary, but it's always nice to drop spare change.

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Wind farm. Google extends commitment to green energy



Google is investing \$75 million US in an Iowa wind farm as part of its effort to encourage development of cleaner energy sources.

The deal announced Thursday gives Google Inc. a stake in the Roppey Wind Farm in Greene County, Iowa. RPM Access LLC is the primary owner.

The wind farm is located about 210 kilometres northeast of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is home to one of the eight data centres that power Google's Internet search engine and other services.

The Iowa data centre won't be getting power from the wind farm.

Wind turbines at the Vantage Wind Farm stand above the clouds Wednesday at Vantage, Wash.

YAKIMA HERALD-REPUBLIC, GORDON KING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The high electricity demand of Google's massive data centres is one of the reasons the company backs energy projects that cause less pollution than traditional power plants.

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Holiday shopping

Target upbeat as profit climbs

Target Corp. is optimistic heading into the critical holiday shopping season after a strong third quarter. The holiday shopping season can make up 40 per cent of a retailer's annual revenue — and Target expects this year to be "highly competitive and promotional."

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Chrysler

More jobs at Michigan plants

Chrysler plans to add up to 1,250 jobs at three Detroit-area factories as it prepares for a rise in pickup sales. The company will invest \$238 million at engine plants in Detroit and suburban Trenton, Mich., and add a third shift at a pickup truck factory in nearby Warren, Mich. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

BP to pay record \$4.5B over Gulf oil disaster

New Orleans. As part of settlement, firm will plead guilty on charges related to worker deaths and lying to Congress

A day of reckoning arrived for BP on Thursday as the oil giant agreed to plead guilty to a raft of criminal charges and pay a record \$4.5 billion US in a settlement with the U.S. government over the deadly 2010 disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Three BP employees were also charged, two of them with manslaughter.

The settlement and the indictments came 2 1/2 years after the drilling-rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The settlement includes nearly \$1.3 billion in fines — the biggest criminal penalty in U.S. history — along with payments to entities inside and outside government. As part of the deal, the BP will plead



In this April 21, 2010, file image provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, fire-boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

guilty to charges related to the deaths of the 11 workers and to lying to Congress.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of BP and its shareholders," said Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP chairman. "It removes two significant legal risks and allows us to vigorously defend the company against the remaining civil claims."

Also, BP rig workers Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine were indicted on federal charges of manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter, accused of repeatedly disregarding abnormal high-pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blowout.

In addition, David Rainey,

BP's vice-president of exploration for the Gulf of Mexico at the time, was indicted on charges of obstruction of Congress and making false statements.

Prosecutors said he withheld information from Congress that indicated the amount of oil spewing from the blown-out well was greater than he let on. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tax break for travel in Canada would be welcome, poll finds

Canadians are prepared to embrace the idea of a tax incentive for travelling within Canada, a new poll suggests.

A private member's bill tabled in the House of Commons by Liberal MP Massimo Pacetti proposes a tax credit for air, bus or train fares on non-business trips that cross at least three provincial borders.

Some 70 per cent of respondents to a recent Canadian Press-Harris/Decima poll expressed support for the idea. Regionally, almost eight in 10 respondents in Atlantic Canada liked it, with 75 per cent of those in British Columbia and Alberta in favour.

About four of every 10 people surveyed said they would be more likely to travel

By the numbers

\$4.2B

Canada's travel deficit — the difference between what travelling Canadians spend abroad and what foreign visitors spend here — hit \$4.2 billion during the second quarter.

within Canada if the tax break was in place, the poll found.

Pacetti's Discover Your Canada Act would allow an income-tax deduction of 100 per cent of bus fares, 75 per cent on train tickets and 50 per cent for domestic flights, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

As a private member's bill, the proposal is unlikely to become law. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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THE LIST
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You don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows; you just need the Metro List.

1 Justin Trudeau for king. It will probably end up as a formality,

but the federal Liberal leadership race is on, so far pitting the sexy son of a legendary philosopher-visionary prime minister against someone named Martha Hall Findlay. Gotta like them odds, Martha.

2 Old white men just like to have fun. Renowned for his strategic brilliance, Gen. David Petraeus also demonstrates that he can think with his little brain. After his affair with his biographer was revealed, Mrs. Petraeus was in shock, if not awe. Now the old soldier would dearly love to fade away ... or crawl back under a nice rock.

3 Navel-gazing for science. The belly buttons of 66 volunteers at a North Carolina university were examined and researchers announced they contained 2,368 bacterial species, 1,458 of which may be new to science. One belly button alone harboured 107 species. I realize I say this a lot, but I am not making this up.

4 Why do lemmings jump over the fiscal cliff? Let me get this straight. Unless the U.S. Congress and the president come up with a new plan, a series of budgetary changes mandated to take place in the new year will plunge the world into recession? Why do I have a bad feeling about this?

5 Like THIS on Facebook. The Israeli Defense Force blows up the car carrying the head of military operations for Hamas, immediately posts the attack on YouTube and sends the following tweet: "Ahmed Jabari: Eliminated." Geez.

6 And then there's Nik Lewis. In another inappropriate tweet, the slotback for the Calgary Stampeders issues the following bulletin: "I just bought O-J's gloves on eBay. Now all I need is a white girl named Nicole." First we had computer viruses, now we have social-media disease.

7 Fifty million French persons outraged. The French government apparently feels the need to save its citizens from Nutella, that hazelnut-and-chocolate spread that no French person can get through the day without. The Nutella tax, as it's being called, increases the price of the oil used to make Nutella by three times. What's next? Foie gras?

8 Bieberwatch. No doubt overwrought after his breakup with Selena Gomez over the weekend, Justin Bieber was pulled over by a Hollywood cop for making an unsafe left-hand turn. How about that? He's old enough to drive. It's his second violation in six months. The other one was for driving without training wheels.



Been doing some navel-gazing lately? Betcha didn't know there's a whole kingdom of different species in there — some not even known to scientists yet. FLICKR

A man-made mandala



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Guinness record

Indian dancers set world record

Thousands of participants take part in the largest kaikottikali, a traditional Indian dance, in Mumbai — an achievement to celebrate Guinness World Records Day on Thursday.

The eighth annual event brought together more than 420,000 people worldwide, attempting to break an array of unique and amazing records. METRO

Dance in numbers

2,639

participants in the kaikottikali dance, the largest ever event of its kind and a world-first: A dance of this scale is unprecedented.

Kaikottikali is a famous group-dance performed by women in the southwest Indian state of Kerala. This spectacle has eight to 10 women dancing in a symmetrical form. The dancers move in a circular pattern, accompanied by rhythmic hand-clapping, to the tune of the ritual song Thiruvathira pattu. As they move, they bend sideways, with their arms coming together in graceful gestures.

Other records

- **Most underpants worn.** 266 by Australian Steve Jacobs, who beat the previous record held by himself: 247.
- **Most people crammed in a Mini Cooper.** 28 is the new record for most people crammed in a modern Mini in London. Dani Maynard and her team beat the previous record by one person, cramming in for a total of five seconds.



Graceful dance, yet smashes record: The world-first mass kaikottikali dance was organized by local charity Mumbai Pooram Foundation.



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A breast-feeding baby doll — creepy or educational?



Twitter

@nelson_n_co: So refreshing to be able to look to the west and see such beauty #canadianrockies #yyc

@Crackmacs: my #73 bus driver has a mouth full of gold teeth. Coolest bus driver of all time #yyc

@purpledcake: #yyc I love you, but you seriously need to update your concert/ event venues. I'd rather chew tin-

foil than go to a concert @ the Corral again

@Dr_Awesome: If you work for the Calgary parking authority, I hate you and we can never be friends. #yyc

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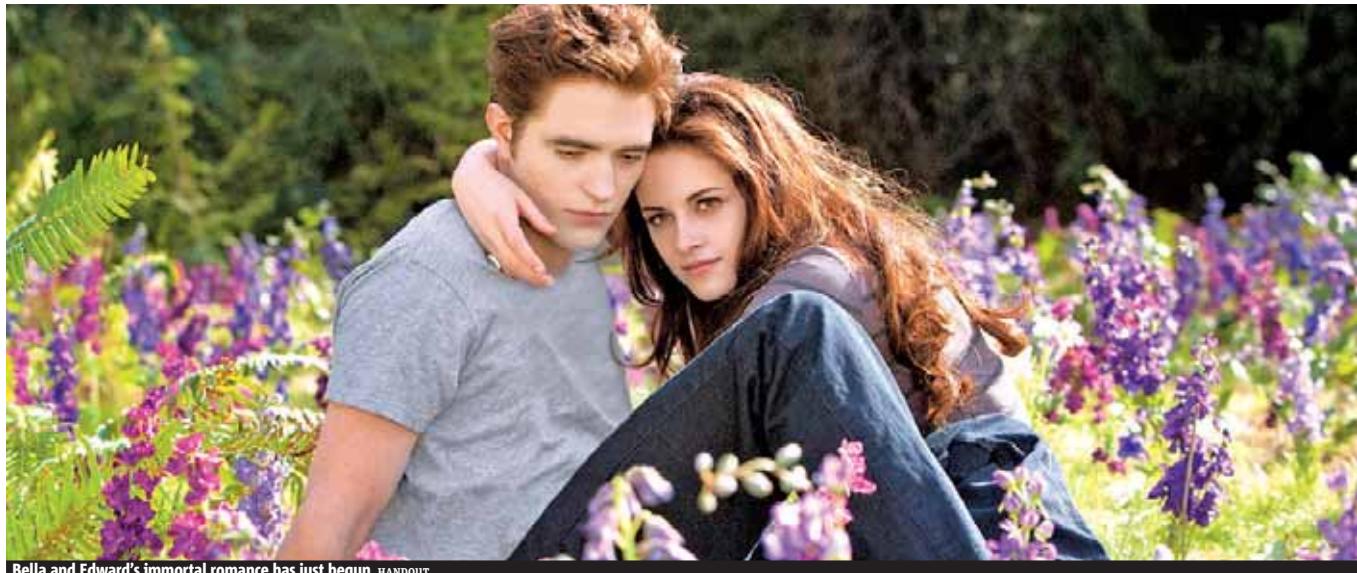
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Bella and Edward's immortal romance has just begun. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Breaking Dawn - Part 2. In this *Reel Guys*, Liz Brown, a *TwiHard*, helps skeptic Richard Crouse understand the final installment

Richard: Liz, this is it... or is it just the beginning of Edward and Bella's immortal romance? I don't know. All I know is the film franchise is over and it goes out with probably the most enjoyable movie of the bunch. It's out with the angst, and in with a newfound sense of fun. The previous movies struck me as overly ponderous; this one is actually quite funny, occasionally bordering on camp. And that's OK given that the story of vampire babies and ab-tastic werewolves is rather silly. Tell me, superfan, what did you think?

Liz: Richard, the first step is admitting you have a prob-

lem — and I do. I fell for the fang when I picked up Christopher Pike's *The Last Vampire* series in Grade 6. *Twilight* brought me back to that time — daydreaming about brooding, loner vampires and wishing I had superpowers. It seems in this last installment the franchise has whole-heartedly embraced its camp. I prefer my femmes to lean towards the fatale, so it was nice to see Kristen Stewart finally stop biting her lip and show her blood-thirsty side.

RC: I agree! Four movies of brooding Bella and Edward's ennui was enough. The sad faces and staring off into space may have captured the pain of teen love, but, if you'll excuse the pun, they also sucked some of the lifeblood from the story. The newlyweds still share eternal love, but now they're having some fun. Edward, if you watch closely, even smiles occasionally. It's a big step from the first installments and, unsurpris-

ingly, it makes for a more fun movie.

LB: I'm sorry Richard, I'm still firmly Team Jacob, so I didn't pay Edward much heed. But I'll agree — the actors are having fun in this final hurrah. The most fun for me? Jacob's semi-nude explanation of the supernatural. Judging from the cheers in the crowd, I'm not the only one who enjoyed it. But I was a little disappointed with the action scenes. I know it's a film for tweens, but couldn't the battles have a bit more style?

RC: I thought I heard you let out a squeal when Lautner stripped down. Don't worry. I won't tell anyone. The action scenes are bloodless for the most part. *The Walking Dead* makes this look like *Sesame Street*, but I liked the steely look of determination on Dakota Fanning's face throughout. I just hope she wasn't paid by the word for her mostly mute performance.

Synopsis
It can be said that the world can be divided into two groups: Those who like the *Twilight* movies and those who don't get the vampire romance movies. We look at why *fanipies* are addicted to this undead love story.

- **Richard:** •••••
- **Liz:** •••••

LB: Yes, Fanning's Jane doesn't get too many lines this time out, but overall this film is less talky than the others — and that's a good thing. I'm sad to bid farewell to the Cullens, but I'm certain they'll be happy in their "perfect piece of forever." My inner tween now anxiously awaits the next adventure of Katniss Everdeen.

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Andre 3000 talks music and trying to humanize Hendrix

Rock star biopic. Actor and musician aimed to find the regular guy inside the legendary guitar icon

In order to capture his best version of Jimi Hendrix for an upcoming biopic, Andre 3000 said he had to think of him as a regular dude and not a rock star.

"I didn't look at him as an icon because when you're in it, you don't know you're an icon. You don't know you're an icon until other people say you're an icon," the 37-year-old said in an interview Tuesday.

"So I had to take it as a person, you know what I mean? And I just tried to say, 'Well, what would Jimi want people to know that they can't get off of YouTube? And that's how I approached it,'" he said.

Hendrix died at age 27 in 1970. He was ranked No. 1 on Rolling Stone magazine's great-

Being Hendrix

"I didn't look at him as an icon because you're in it, you don't know you're an icon."

Andre 3000
On playing rock star Jimi Hendrix.

est guitarists of all-time list. His band, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, is known for iconic albums such as Electric Ladyland and Are You Experienced.

All Is By My Side, which focuses on the early days of Hendrix's career, will be released next year. Andre 3000 is excited



Andre 3000 filmed the Hendrix biopic in Ireland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to see the film, which he's finished shooting in Ireland. He believes the public "will be pleased."

Andre 3000, one-half of OutKast with Big Boi, has been out of the music scene in recent years, although he's been featured on songs by Beyoncé, Frank Ocean, Rick Ross, Ke\$ha and Young Jeezy.

OutKast's 2006 platinum-selling album, *Idlewild*, which accompanied a film of the same name starring the duo, was their last album. Their 11-time platinum *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below* won the 2004 Grammy Award for album of the year.

Big Boi, who released a solo album two years ago to wel-

coming reviews, will release a new solo disc, *Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumours*, next month.

But Andre 3000 isn't in a rush to record an album.

"Some days I feel like I'll do it, some days I don't. Some days I feel like I don't need to, some days I feel like I want to do it before I die. So, I don't know



Jimi Hendrix, arguably the greatest guitarist ever, died tragically at the age of 27. HANDOUT

where to fall. I am just hoping one day I get that inspiration," he said at an event for Gillette's eMO'gency Styler Tour, which supports men's health and

Quoted

"It's a feeling for me. I can't just throw out an album to be rapping."

Andre 3000
When asked if he is bringing out a new record.

prostate cancer programs. The tour kicked off in New York, with stops scheduled in Chicago and Houston.

"It's a feeling for me. Like, I can't just throw out an album to be rapping," he said. "And I don't even know if it will be rap. I don't even know what it will be."

However, he could find the inspiration and complete an album in just a few days: "It could be a rush situation. Like if I feel that feeling and I record an al-

bum in three days and I'm like, 'This is what I want to say right now' – that can happen, too."

He also says he's constantly writing songs.

"I write all the time ... I actually stopped typing it in my phone because like a cloud is basically reading every thought that I have and I don't like that," he said. "So I went back to my paper and started writing."

He's not sure fans want a new OutKast album for the right reasons.

"Man, we've had a great ride ... Like when we got into it when we were high school kids and we just wanted to do something fun and push it, and if it's not that then why do it?" he said.

"I'm not the type that prescribes to nostalgia, and most people say they want an OutKast album because they used to love it. Y'all don't even know if y'all still love it. You just know you used to love it. But you may not like it now, who knows?"

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Lincoln

Director: Steven Spielberg

Stars: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field

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Lincoln focuses on a short period in Honest Abe's career, zeroing in on the backroom politics that led to the passage of the anti-slavery 13th Amendment through the House of Representatives. The first glimpse of Daniel Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln feels like watching a Yankee five-dollar bill come to life. It's a remarkable performance in a movie filled with great acting. Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field also impress, but it is director Steven Spielberg who really brings this ambitious and important story to life.

RICHARD CROUSE

Quoted

"It was such a moving experience I think because the winter was so hard with all the bad publicity and the insults."

The film was a chance for the residents "to have a place to speak for yourself and be recognized."

"There were a lot of old people who watched the film and they were just hugging me and (saying), 'Thank you.'"

Acclaimed Abenaki filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin on recently screening her film *The People of the Kattawapiskak River: The Story of the 2011 Housing Crisis* for the people of Attawapiskat. The film puts a human face on a crisis in the Cree community in Northern Ontario that most people discovered in brief images of decrepit housing on the evening newscasts or in angry exchanges in the House of Commons. The community had declared a state of emergency on Oct. 28, 2011, and in the fallout Canada received a rebuke from the United Nations.

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Silver Linings

Playbook. Working with David O. Russell drew out raw performances in Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence

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Director David O. Russell is a rare breed of filmmaker whose name transcends the project it's attached to. Mark Wahlberg tried for years to get the Fighter made before Russell got on board — and just try explaining I Heart Huckabees to someone who's never seen it.

So it was with Silver Linings Playbook, the director's latest starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence.

"These are the kinds of films I dreamed about making as a kid," says Cooper, who cites Russell's *Spanking the Monkey* as a favourite of his.

Lawrence says she didn't even read the script before taking the part.

"Then I did and I was glad I said yes."

After having its world pre-

Quoted

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Jennifer Lawrence on David O. Russell's ability to make audiences sympathetic to unsympathetic characters.

miere at this year's Toronto International Film Festival the story of a mentally ill teacher trying to put his life back together won the fest's People's Choice Award.

What makes Russell's films so unique, says Lawrence, is his ability to make the audience sympathize with unsympathetic characters.

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Yes Russell has a reputation for being brutal with his actors.

A clip on YouTube called I Don't Heart Huckabees shows the filmmaker verbally berating actress Lily Tomlin on the set for Huckabees.

Russell explains that he likes working with actors who can figure out a scene on the spot.

Lawrence calls working with him "perfection," while Cooper says, "David has a unique ability to get people to go to their core instantaneously."

"The actors gave so much

of themselves," says Russell. "We had choices in the editing room. We could have made them so much less likeable."

The rawness of their performances are on the screen. Cooper's character Pat has just been released from a court ordered mental institution and is prone to violent outbursts after moving in with his parents.

Despite a lack of social graces, Pat befriends Tiffany, a widowed sex addict played by Lawrence, who promises to get him in touch with his estranged wife.

Neither character's lives are clean says Russell. In fact they're quite messy, but both share their feelings and tell the truth.

Given the dark subject matter, that the film retains Russell's trademark black humour is a testament to the realness of the characters says Cooper.

"When that starts to happen it gets funny, it gets tragic — it gets real."

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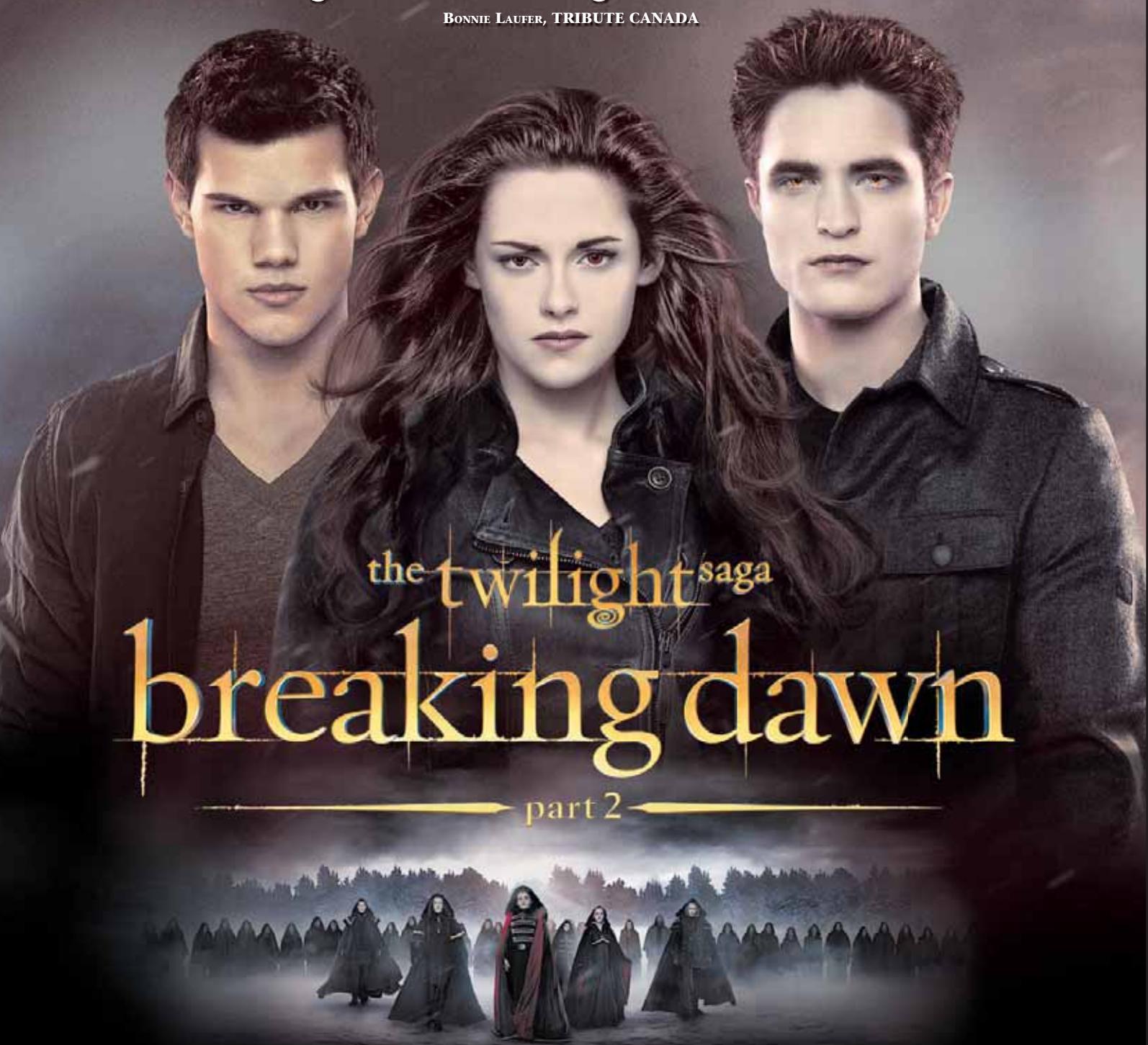
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Colbert once again makes Canada the butt of a joke

Who's Attacking Me Now. Comedy host also aimed at Canada prior to 2010 Olympic Games

Stephen Colbert the faux-conservative host of the satirical Colbert Report, took to his show Wednesday night to confront Canadian critics who were apparently angry that the comedian referred to Windsor, Ont., as "Earth's rectum" in his new book, *America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't*.

In a segment called *Who's Attacking Me Now*, Colbert claimed that the "maplestream" media in Canada had their "mittens in a bunch" over the apparent slam.

However, in a segment

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Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Stephen Colbert

rife with groaning puns on Canuck stereotypes, the 48-year-old Colbert warned Canadians not to get their "tuques in a twist."

"As a journalist, it is my job to ask these probing questions," Colbert said.

"Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Colbert memorably took aim at his neighbour to the north prior to the 2010 Olympic Games, when he labelled Canucks "syrup

suckers" and "ice-holes" because he thought U.S. speedskaters weren't getting enough practice time on Canadian ice.

He eventually made amends, heading to Vancouver during the Games to film an episode of his show in front of an adoring crowd.

On Wednesday, Colbert delighted in referencing a poll from the CBC website indicating that — at the time — roughly three-quarters of respondents believed the publicity brought by Colbert would be positive for Windsor.

"Apparently, the 'Earth's rectum' is an improvement over Windsor's previous reputation," he said.

"So you're welcome, Windsor. You just got the Colbert bump."

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Stephen Colbert presents an award onstage at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in September.

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Twain parades on horseback to promote new gig



Shania Twain makes her official arrival on horseback at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Wednesday. JASON BEAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Country music star Shania Twain arrived on horseback Wednesday for a two-year headline gig at Caesars Palace, parading up the Las Vegas Strip with a herd of 40 horses.

Promoters called the event a stampede, but hooves were kept to a steady, slow gait by nine wranglers who escorted Twain to a reception crowd of several hundred people in front of the famous Caesars fountains.

Dozens more people watched from the sidewalk of the Flamingo resort

across Las Vegas Boulevard.

"We could either lose a few hundred dollars inside or come out and see what kind of spectacle she puts on," said Steve Huffman, a UPS manager who watched with his wife, Debi, from an overhead pedestrian walkway.

The couple was in town for his 52nd birthday and learned through a Twitter message that Twain planned to arrive on a horse.

They identified Twain's hit, *Man, I Feel Like a Woman*, as the country singer rode up the street,

and they said they'll plan to see the show next year.

Still The One blasted on speakers as Twain stepped onto a temporary outdoor stage near fountains made famous by events including daredevil Evel Knievel's motorcycle crash during a stunt on New Year's Eve 1967.

To some, Twain's arrival echoed singer Frank Sinatra's heralded arrival on a camel at the old Dunes hotel in September 1955.

Twain's show titled *Shania: Still the One* opens Dec. 1 at the nearly 4,300-seat

Colosseum at Caesars Palace. The venue also hosts entertainers Celine Dion, Elton John, Jerry Seinfeld and others.

Twain, 47, is touted as one of the bestselling female country artists of all time.

The Canadian singer-songwriter has sold more than 75 million albums worldwide.

Las Vegas police, including several on horseback, diverted traffic on the busy casino corridor for about 30 minutes for the spectacle.

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Hail Cesar! Inspiring Dog Whisperer has bounced back

Highs and lows.

Millan may be flying now but after a divorce and the death of his dog in 2010 he attempted suicide

Very soon, Cesar Millan will have a new television show, a book, a tour, a documentary, and — if she says yes — a fiancée.

The year is ending on a high note for Millan as he ends his reign as TV's Dog Whisperer and bounces back from a suicide attempt in May 2010 that left him unconscious and hospitalized.

In Cesar Millan: The Real Story, he talks publicly for the first time about the overdose that almost took his life. The documentary, which airs Nov. 25 on Nat Geo Wild, will also launch a global speaking tour.

"It's rare when someone with his level of celebrity is willing to completely open up and share the struggle and hardship it took to find success and happiness," said Geoff Daniels, executive vice-president

Low ebb

"I felt defeated, a big sense of guilt and failure."

Cesar Millan
On when he attempted suicide after the loss of his pet dog and his divorce.

and general manager of Nat Geo Wild. "Cesar doesn't hold anything back, and I'm certain our audience will feel even closer to him for it."

The 43-year-old Mexican-born dog handler rose to fame

in 2004, when his first TV series, *The Dog Whisperer* with Cesar Millan, became National Geographic's top-rated show. Millan grew up in Culiacan, the largest city in the Mexican state of Sinaloa, and worked on his grandfather's farm in the hopes of becoming the best dog trainer in the world.

At 21, alone and unable to speak English, he crossed the border and lived on the streets for two months before getting a job as a groomer and walker. Jada Pinkett (pre-Will Smith) hired him and got him an English tutor when she learned he wanted to be on TV.

As his popularity grew, his professional and personal lives appeared rosy: he became an author, made appearances in movies and on television, and his wife gave birth to two sons. In 2010 though, things took a tumble: his go-to pit bull, Daddy, died in February; a month later, he learned his wife of 16 years planned to divorce him; in May, he attempted suicide.

"I felt defeated, a big sense of guilt and failure. ... I was at the lowest level I had ever been emotionally and psychologically," he wrote in June on his website without mentioning his overdose.

He rejected antidepressants, choosing instead to get a grip through his pack dog wisdom and use exercise, discipline and affection to heal, he told The Associated Press. Another pit bull trained by Daddy has taken over Daddy's duties, though Junior will never take his place.

"Daddy was my Tibet, my Himalaya, my Buddha, my source of calmness," Millan said. A new love in his life also helped, one whom Millan calls "the one." Jahlira Dar lives with

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"A dog would never see me as a Mexican or an immigrant and would never think things people say about me."

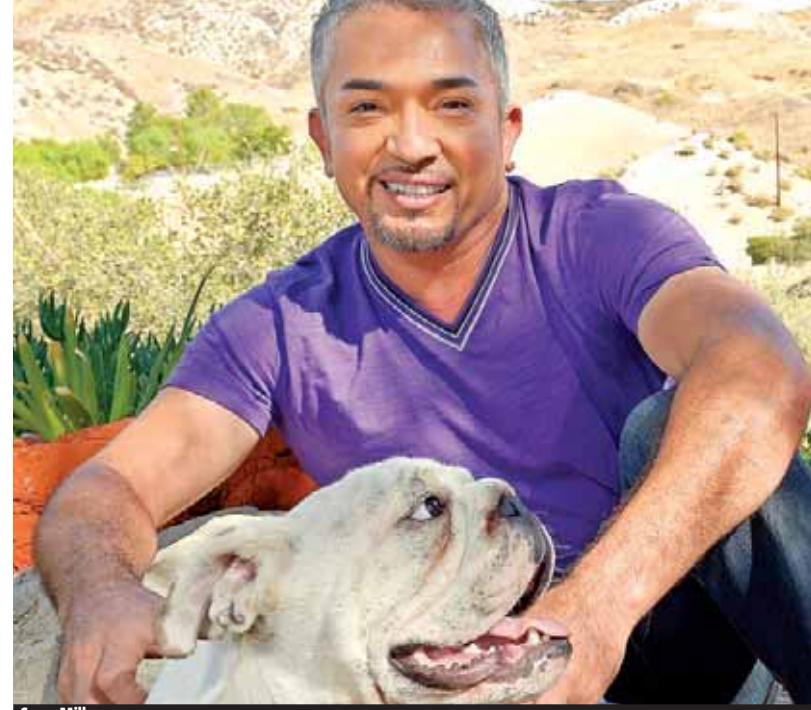
Cesar Millan
On why he loves canines.

Milan and his youngest son in Los Angeles, and Millan said he planned to propose soon.

"It's a surprise," he joked. "I am a traditional guy, so I like to do the whole parent thing. I know they are going to say yes, but I like the whole Cinderella story."

Besides meeting Dar, constant work also helped him turn it around, said Millan, who described himself as a punctual workaholic who delegates chores and seldom cracks a smile. He runs a rehab complex, the Dog Psychology Center, at a ranch in Santa Clarita, a magazine and a philanthropic foundation, and sells his own line of dog products and instructional CDs and DVDs. His seventh book, *A Short Guide to a Happy Dog*, is due out Jan. 1, and Nat Geo Wild will premiere a new show, *Leader of the Pack*, on Jan. 5. Dog Whisperer ended its run on Sept. 15.

The new series, which was filmed in Spain, aims to increase pet rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming around the world. It will feature his training philosophy, a belief that every dog knows its place and follows rules set by the pack leader — in this case, a human such as an owner or a trainer. His success hasn't been without critics. Bonnie Beaver, a board-certified veterinary behaviourist in Texas, said he mishandles animals and that



Cesar Millan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

he is losing credibility because "in some situations, he is actually making a diagnosis."

"He may not even recognize he is making a diagnosis," she said, adding that when he says a dog has separation anxiety or dominance problems, "he's putting a label on it and in reality that label is a diagnosis."

In California, that is legal, but in Texas it is not, she said, because "making a diagnosis and setting up a course of treatment is restricted to certain professionals." Daniels dismissed the critics, saying that "few have ever spoken to him directly or taken the time to

understand what he is all about — which is a man with a deep passion for helping animals and people."

That passion for animals — especially dogs — is evident. Millan said he's never met a dog he didn't like, and chose a canine as his lone companion for a hypothetical stranding on a deserted island. He also defended his love for pit bulls, saying: "It's not the breed, it's the human behind the dog." Rehabbing dogs is easy, he said, but training people is not.

"A dog would never see me as a Mexican or immigrant or think things people say

about me. Dogs don't rationalize. They don't hold anything against a person. They don't see the outside of a human but the inside of a human," he said.

But there are some times when he prefers people over animals. He was tactful when he said he had both a human and a canine best friend. And he was quick to say that he preferred the Super Bowl over the Puppy Bowl, the Animal Planet's pet-friendly TV show that features puppies romping on a room-sized football field. "I have a 'Puppy Bowl' every day," he laughed.

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Amy Heckerling: Witnessing 'Vamps' of a different colour

Manhattan blood suckers.

Veteran director latest to explore vampire genre

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Edward and Bella aren't the only bloodsuckers in town. Veteran director Amy Heck-

erling, whose teen comedies *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and *Clueless* have become modern classics, tried her hand at the vampire genre.

But it was never her in-

tention to jump on a bandwagon.

"I mean, I wrote this before *Twilight* came out and I didn't read the books. ... That was a whole other world I'm not a big fan

of," Heckerling explains. "I don't know where they live — out in the northern West Coast kind of area — I'm a city person and I wanted to feel what it would be like to just always stay young, to go to school, to have a part-time job, to have friends, to go out and do the things that I think would be fun to do endlessly."

And so we have *Vamps*, starring *Clueless* actress Alicia Silverstone and *Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23* star Krysten Ritter. The ladies play roommates who look for love in Manhattan while also trying to avoid the urge to suck the blood of their suitors.

The rules for how a vampire lives, eats and sleeps are different for each and every story told about them. But when creating her own vampire universe, Heckerling turned to the classics for inspiration.

"What I liked was in Bram Stoker's *Dracula*,"

she says. "I feel like he laid out a nice history and set of rules. But then the Anne Rice situation of 'Interview with the Vampire' — the main character did not have to kill people. For me, I think people are sympathetic if you don't kill people. It's just a quirk of mine. I went with [the idea] that they needed warm running blood from a mammal. These girls were trying to be nice and do as little harm as possible."

As for explaining why these fictional creatures have been so popular, Heckerling has a simple, sensible answer:

"I don't find it surprising in the world that where people in their 30s, 40s and 50s [who are] obsessed with extending the 20s forever would be a society that would gravitate to vampires," she says. "How can you really keep it together forever? As far as mythology goes, vampires can!"



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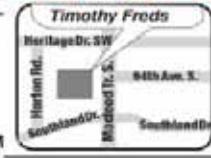
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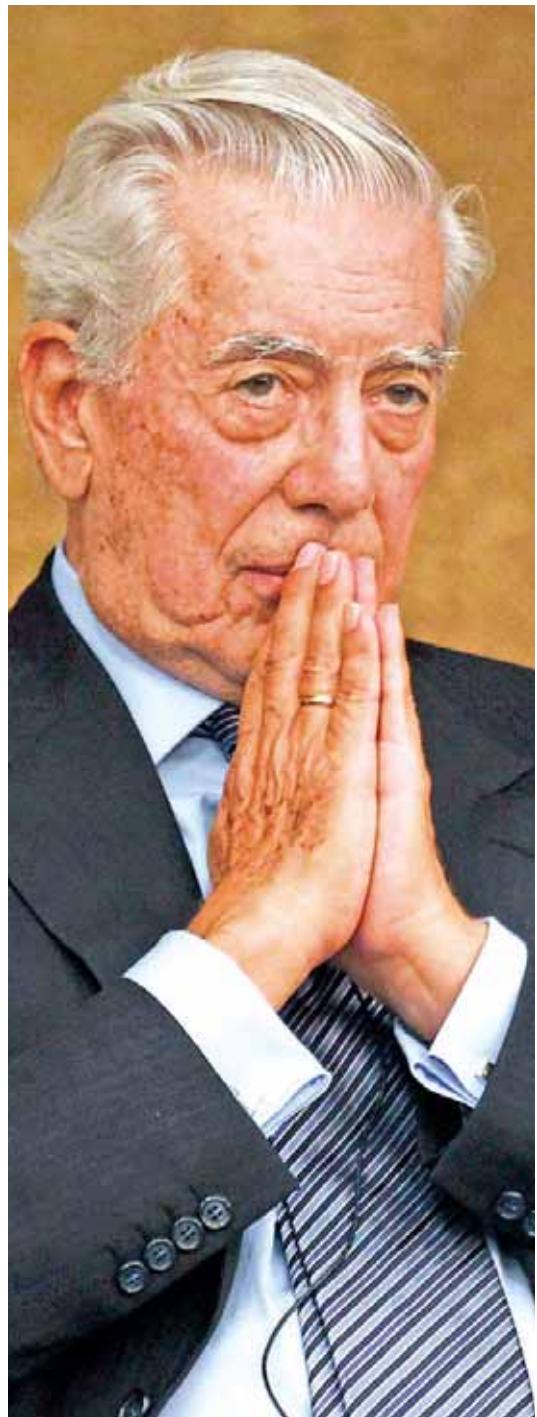
Director Amy Heckerling attends the Cinema Society and Rachael Ray Nutrish with Grey Goose Cherry Noir screening of *Darling Companion* at the Tribeca Grand Screening Room in April. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

Erotic novels have Fifty Shades of difficulty

Pop culture reading.

Mario Vargas Llosa sounds off on the recent rise to fame of the Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy

Mario Vargas Llosa may be a Nobel laureate, but he says he has tried to write erotic novels "without the same success as EL James, who wrote the bestselling Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy."



Quote

"When a novel is focused only on the sexual experience, it can be monotonous, repetitive, it can become a tedious experience."

Vargas Llosa
On writing erotic novels.

The Peruvian writer, who spoke at the Americas Society, said he was surprised to

see Fifty Shades books at the window displays of bookstores in Ireland, where he presented his latest novel The Dream of Celt in June. James' erotic novels are currently bestsellers in Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Chile and Colombia, among other Spanish-speaking countries.

"I have not read it", Vargas Llosa said with a smile, answering a question about the trilogy on Monday night.

"I hope it's fun".

When asked if he would ever write an erotic novel, Vargas Llosa was simple.

"I have tried to do it but without the same success."

"When a novel is focused only on the sexual experience, it can be monotonous, repetitive, it can become a tedious experience," Vargas Llosa said. "However the sexual component can't be excluded from a great novel,

as well as eroticism. It is very difficult to exclude sex because sex is a very important part of human life. Eroticism is the expression of civilization while sex is brutal, is something animal."

Vargas Llosa, author of The City and the Dogs or The Feast of the Goat, was in New York to talk about The Dream of the Celt, with translator Edith Grossman. The author also remembered the recent

50th anniversary of the Latin American boom literary movement from the 1960s that brought him to prominence along with Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Carlos Fuentes.

"It meant solidarity, a feeling to belonging to a community, and a connection between Latin America and Spain. It was a very rewarding experience", Vargas Llosa said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Television. Obligatory wedding episode coming to 30 Rock this season



Wedding bells are ringing on 30 Rock. HANDOUT

Liz Lemon is getting married and you're invited.

Fans of 30 Rock might have reasonably assumed that Lemon, the harried TV producer played by Tina Fey, would ride out the series' seventh and final season as a perennial bachelorette unlucky in love. But Fey, who is also the creator and producer of the NBC comedy, clearly thought otherwise.

In the 30 Rock episode airing Nov. 29, Lemon will wed.

Who's the lucky guy? He's Liz's latest fella, Criss Cross (played by guest star James Marsden), a Peter Pan-ish would-be entrepreneur who hatches ventures such as an organic gourmet hot-dog truck.

On Thursday, NBC made the grand announcement that Ms. Elizabeth Mervaldis Lemon, 42, would be presenting herself to be married to Mr. Christopher Rick Cross: "But not in a creepy way that perpetuates the idea that brides are virgins and women are property."

The invitation also specifies that guests (i.e., you view-

ers) should plan to "bring your own snacks."

No preview of the episode has been made available.

The series, which airs Thursdays, will conclude early next year.

30 Rock is the saga of

Lemon, the overextended producer of a fictitious comedy show loosely inspired by Saturday Night Live (where Fey toiled for nine seasons as cast member and writer). Liz is surrounded by kookie com-

rades like company boss Jack Donagh (Alec Baldwin) and Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan), her boisterously unhinged star.

A recurring theme of 30 Rock has been Lemon's comically flawed love life. Short-lived boyfriends have included quirky airline pilot Carol Burnett (played by Matt Damon), immature businessman Dennis Duffy (Dean Winters) and dim-witted pediatrician Dr. Drew Baird (Jon Hamm).

But clearly there was something special about Criss, who first arrived on the scene last season.

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Despite country duets, Clarkson staying in pop

Greatest hits album.

Former American Idol talks about new disc, future plans for her music career and personal life

There's a reason Kelly Clarkson has performed duets with country superstars like Reba McEntire, Jason Aldean and Vince Gill but never one of her Top 40 colleagues in the 10 years since she became the first American Idol. They've turned her down — eight times.

"I have, like, 5,000 duets in country music," Clarkson says, flashing a smile. "I don't have one in pop. That's legitimately because everyone turns me down. I'm not even kidding. I've asked so many artists to sing with me. Everyone legitimately turns me down! The only one that hasn't was Chris Daughtry."

The sugary sweet pop star who's called Nashville, Tenn., home for the past six years isn't naming names (and much to the dismay of fans, her collaborations with fellow Idol alum Daughtry were never released.) While she hasn't exactly been able to hook up with the perfect pop ally, Clarkson has found a partner outside the recording studio.

When asked what's impacted her life most over the past 10 years, other than winning the Idol prize, Clarkson doesn't hesitate to say it's falling in love with current boyfriend Brandon Blackstock, a Nashville-based talent manager whose father is Clarkson's own manager and stepmother is McEntire. The pair has been an item for the past eight months.



Kelly Clarkson's newest album, Greatest Hits: Chapter One, is being released on Monday. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quote

"I'm not ever gonna be one thing. I want great music. I don't care what it is."

Kelly Clarkson

Talking about getting into the country music scene from time to time.

"I completely fell in love," she says. "Welcome to Cheesecake! I did. I don't know. Your priorities kind of shift and you become happier, and all that stuff. It's probably my best accomplishment because I think, for me, especially, I just didn't think it would happen. It's like one of those cheesy love songs that didn't exist, but it does, so that's cool."

Clarkson was originally apprehensive about releasing a Greatest Hits album. She's only 30, after all. Her label convinced her that it would be a celebration of her music career since winning the first season of Idol in 2002. And she could record some new tunes, including Don't Rush, her soulful throwback country duet with Gill.

Another duet, her Don't

You Wanna Stay collaboration with Aldean, helped her score a nomination for female vocalist of the year at the Country Music Association Awards. Obvious fan interest combined with her affinity for the music has led to speculation she might one day release a country album.

Despite the camaraderie she feels from the Nashville music scene, she isn't fully committed to making a leap from pop diva to country star. Though she isn't ruling out going country from time to time.

"I'm not ever gonna be one thing," she says. "I want great music. I don't care what it is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Judd touted as potential opponent to Senate leader

Democrats. Nobody has stepped forward to challenge the longtime Republican leader

Actress Ashley Judd isn't ruling out a run for U.S. Senate in Kentucky.

The former Kentuckian is an active supporter of Tennessee Democrats. She said in a statement Friday that she's honoured to be mentioned as a potential candidate, but she sidestepped the question of whether she would get into the race.

Judd lives in Tennessee and would have to re-establish a residence in Kentucky before she could challenge Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell in his 2014 re-election bid.

No Democrats have stepped forward to challenge

McConnell, a political powerhouse who already has \$6.8 million in the bank for his re-election.

In 2008, McConnell won re-election to a fifth term and became Kentucky's longest serving senator. McConnell spent some \$20 million on his last election, beating Democrat Bruce Lunsford, a wealthy Kentucky businessman, by six percentage points.

"Sen. McConnell and his wife are big fans of Ashley Judd's movies and appreciate her energy, especially when it comes to bringing young people into the political process," said McConnell campaign manager Jesse Benton.

He held his criticism for those who are pushing her candidacy.

Judd is a regular at University of Kentucky basketball games and the Kentucky Derby and has

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"I cherish Kentucky, heart and soul, and while I'm very honoured by the consideration, we have just finished an election, so let's focus on coming together to keep moving America's families, and especially our kids, forward."

Ashley Judd

starred in such movies as Kiss the Girls, Double Jeopardy, Where the Heart Is and High Crimes.

She is married to three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti and is an annual spectator at the race.

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Ashley Judd hasn't said whether she'll challenge Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. GETTY IMAGES

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Chef Ray dishes out \$500K to ASPCA



Rachael Ray. AP PHOTO

Society struggling after storm. Host of CBS' favourite show Rachael Ray said four tons of dog food would also be donated to feed animals affected by Sandy

Rachael Ray is donating \$500,000 to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to help pets and families who are struggling to rebound from the superstorm that ravaged the U.S. northeast.

The Emmy-winning chef

said Friday that her pet food brand, Nutrish, is also shipping four tons of wet and dry dog food for Superstorm Sandy animals, and her Yum-o! organization is donating \$100,000 to City Harvest and the Food Bank for New York City.

"When you make your living in food, you have to give back in the same way," the host of Rachael Ray — the syndicated CBS Television show — said.

The ASPCA had rescued more than 250 animals and treated or provided supplies to nearly 6,000 in New York City and Long Island.

It will use the money to lease a building that can be used as a central shelter for Sandy animals and to continue searching for lost

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"I hope this becomes a centre of very happy endings."

TV chef Rachael Ray
On the shelter her charity donation will be funding

pets, provide mobile veterinary services and hand out supplies.

The donation is the largest single gift made by Rachael's Rescue, whose nearly \$4 million in donations to date are funded by the sale of Nutrish products.

"I hope this becomes a centre of very happy endings," Ray said.

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Aguilera's 'fun songs' fall short on new post-divorce album

Lotus. Lack of quality songwriting on latest record doesn't complement singer's famously powerful voice

Christina Aguilera is easily one of contemporary music's best voices. She's got pipes that music-lovers need to hear at a time when Top 40 radio features studio-enhanced vocals and award shows are full of lip syncing.

That's why her fifth album, *Lotus*, is somewhat disappointing — not because it isn't good, but because it isn't great.

Sure, it's an improvement from 2010's *Bionic*, a chaotic album that is Aguil-

era's only one not to reach platinum status. *Lotus* is more focused, thankfully, but not as satisfying as her first three releases.

The new 13-track album is the singer's first music offering since she filed for divorce two years ago. And when she's emotional, she sounds best.

The title track kicks off the album nicely as Aguilera sings about starting over. On *Best of Me*, she sings: "Words cut through my skin, tears roll down my chin, my walls crumble within." And later in the song she sings in a beautiful belt: "I will rise undefeated, I will not let you bring me down."

You just want to cheer her on. Sing it, girl.

Another standout is the piano tune *Blank Page*, co-



The new album cover, AP PHOTO

written by Sia, whose work with Aguilera on *Bionic* is that album's highlight. *Sing for Me*, too, is great and sounds like a personal anthem for Aguilera, who has gotten a boost recently as a coach on NBC's *The Voice*.

Where the singer falls short is on what are supposed to be the "fun" songs, like *Red Hot Kinda Love*, *Around*

the World and *Make the World Move*, which features a barely heard Cee Lo Green.

The first single, the Max Martin-produced *Your Body*, is also a miss. Martin is a little better on his other contribution, the dance-heavy *Let There Be Love*, which sounds typical of what's out there, but still feels like a radio hit.

It's almost like Aguilera isn't getting the best material from the songwriters and producers on *Lotus*, which includes Alex da Kid (Eminem's *Love the Way You Lie*, B.o.B's *Airplanes*), Lucas Secon, Supa Dups, Claude Kelly, Bonnie McKee, Track-lasers, Steve Robson and others.

Her excellent voice deserves excellent songs.

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Keira's Karenina flips costume drama on its head with ballet-like production

Period drama.

...people are either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it..."

Keira Knightley's language was anything but prim and proper when she discovered what director Joe Wright had planned for Anna Karenina, their latest period drama together.

To hear Knightley tell it, some F-bombs were soundly dropped.

Knightley wasn't swearing out of anger with Wright, who directed her to an Academy Award nomination for 2005's *Pride & Prejudice* and to similar critical success on 2007's *Atonement*. She worried that Wright's unusual approach to Leo Tolstoy's epic of doomed romance would make the hard-sell of a period drama even harder.

While *Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement* were fresh, lively takes for an age that finds costume drama drowsy, Wright planned a wild and possibly off-putting ride on *Anna Karenina*, confining most of the action to a dilapidated theatre where the actors would perform in a stylized cinematic ballet without the usual grand sweep of period-drama locations.

"The first thing I said was 'Oh (expletive)!' I was like, well, people are really either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it," Knightley said. "I also was going ...



Keira Knightley, a cast member in *Anna Karenina*, poses for a photographer at the premiere of the film at The Arclight Hollywood on Wednesday.

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you're taking it and spinning it on its head and turning it into something that is potentially totally uncommercial. Into an experimental sort of art-house film..."

"I also went (expletive), yeah. Let's give it a go."

The result is a fluid story that unfolds as much like dance as film, with a brisk pace compared to most period stories and contempor-

ary sensibilities next to earlier takes on *Anna Karenina*, whose previous big-screen adaptations have featured Greta Garbo and Vivien Leigh.

Reality gives way to fantasy in the opening moment, as a barber approaches Anna's brother, Oblonsky (*Pride & Prejudice* co-star Matthew Macfadyen), like a matador approaching a bull

and shaves him clean with three lightning strokes of his razor. Walls roll aside, props rise up from trapdoors, a swirl of clerks in an office turns into a rush of waiters in a restaurant as Wright dispenses with realistic and time-consuming transitions in favour of a motion picture perpetually in motion.

The action in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where

Knightley's Anna forsakes her staid husband (Jude Law) in an affair with a young cavalry officer (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), shifts around an aging theatre. The idea was inspired by Wright's reading of historian Orlando Figes, who commented that 19th century Russian socialites modeled themselves on Parisians and lived their lives as though on stage,

emulating that ideal.

Wright has built a career emulating the ideal of the period drama, once a mainstay for movie audiences now mainly interested in futuristic action or stories of the here and now. But Wright keeps looking for fresh ways to tell those old stories to modern crowds.

"I feel that the stories themselves are rich and relevant," Wright said. "The concern really is that the form that those stories are told in, it has become kind of stuffy and old-fashioned." But he adds, "just because it's set in the 19th century, it doesn't mean it has to look like it was shot in the 19th century."

One of the first people Wright had to win over on his bold approach to *Anna Karenina* was playwright Tom Stoppard, an Oscar winner for the *Shakespeare in Love* screenplay who had adapted Tolstoy's novel with a conventional location shoot in mind.

Two months before production began, Wright decided to switch the action to a confined space and sprang it on Stoppard, saying he would only go ahead if his writer agreed.

"He came around with a big folder of storyboards, and the more I got into it, the more interested and finally excited I was about it," Stoppard said. "It gives the movie a modern spirit, that's what it does. It's not the costume drama we've seen before."

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Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 1:34-40-7
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Deck the Hallmark with boughs of holly, falalala

Busy Christmas schedule. Lifetime, ABC Family and Hallmark all set for festive ratings battle

If the holidays still seem a long way off, you clearly haven't done much television channel surfing lately.

The Hallmark channel has already begun two months of wall-to-wall holiday programming. Lifetime has ramped up its seasonal selections with 10 new made-for-TV movies, the first one airing last weekend. ABC Family's annual 25 Days of Christmas programming isn't enough, so they do a Countdown to 25 Days of Christmas, starting Sunday.

This is in addition to all the old favourites, from Charlie Brown to Frosty the Snowman, that will fill broadcast network schedules during the next month. An already popular television genre is growing in power, judging by the 22 new movies Hallmark and Lifetime are rolling out between them, and a new Disney holiday musical.

"This is a strategy that developed naturally from demand," said Rob Sharenow, executive vice-president of programming at the Lifetime networks. "It's really giving people what they want."

Bill Abbott
President and CEO of Hallmark

ing off its biggest success in years, October's Steel Magnolia remake with Queen Latifah, which surprised even network executives with its potency. Its movies feature Mira Sorvino, Shelley Long, George Wendt and Lea Thompson.

Wendt and Long play Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus as they're about to meet their future daughter-in-law, Ralph Macchio is a former dance champion who comes back to win a Christmas Eve dance contest, and Thompson is featured in Love at the Christmas Table.

Happy endings abound. Don't expect any holiday shootouts.

Beyond the new originals, Lifetime is airing more than 50 seasonal films, the biggest commitment in its history.

"In the times we're in,

people

want to feel good," Sharenow said. "People are definitely gravitating toward feel-good escapism and having fun and that's what these movies do. They're like little Christmas gifts."

Hallmark, part of a company that also sells Christmas cards, is a natural for holiday programming. This is the fourth year that the network essentially shuts down its regular programming for two full months to devote itself to the genre. The holiday focus began on Nov. 9 and ends Jan.

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2. There's a risk both in overkill and having fans get out of the habit of watching the network's regular shows, Abbott said, "but we have found over the years that our viewers real-

ly look forward to it and really want it."

Hallmark's original movies are premiering every Saturday and Sunday night heading into Christmas. With titles like Hitched for the Holidays, A Bride for Christmas, Matchmaker Santa, Come Dance With Me and Love at the Thanksgiving Day Parade, the focus is pretty clear.

While confident of the programming strategy's ultimate success, Abbott said it is clear that Hallmark has more competition. "We sleep with

one eye open," he said. ABC Family's holiday focus is primarily on movies that started in theatres, like Home Alone and Elf. Its own production is The Mistle-Tones, about a woman who creates her own Christmas singing group after being turned down for a spot in a well-known group.

The network's "countdown" programming includes the premiere of the movie Home Alone: The Holiday Heist on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

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Tori Spelling in a scene from ABC Family's original holiday musical *The MistleTones*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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We're in the midst of the biggest avalanche of big-name releases of the year. Here are three more tracks:



Keep It
Together/How
to Destroy
Angels

Trent Reznor returns with a band featuring his wife, Mariqueen, and his soundtrack collaborator, Atticus Ross. Make sure you spell the title of the EP right: An Omen_(that underscore is not a typo.)

On the web

Want to hear these
tunes? Visit metronews.
ca/scene to listen to
Alan Cross's selections.

Affection/
Crystal Castles

Canadian band living
in London records their
third album (cleverly
entitled III) in Warsaw
then goes to war
against Katy Perry for
"selling sex to kids."
Fascinating.



Doom and
Gloom/Rolling
Stones

One of two new tracks
on Grrr!, the new Rolling
Stones greatest hits
collection. Although
the artwork is horrible,
I still felt the need
to drop \$150 on the
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Sandy recovery effort.

Dave Matthews Band to donate proceeds from upcoming concert to superstorm relief in New Jersey

The Dave Matthews Band is giving \$1 million to help Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts.

The band announced Wednesday that the Nov. 30 opening show of its winter tour at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford, N.J., will be a benefit concert. All ticket and merchandise sales will go to the Bama Works Sandy Relief

Fund, established at the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

Sandy's assault more than two weeks ago created widespread damage and power outages in New Jersey and New York.

The Grammy-winning group will wrap up its tour Dec. 22 in Philadelphia. Tickets are still on sale for the Nov. 30 show, which features Jimmy Cliff.

The Dave Matthews Band released their latest studio album, *Away from the World*, earlier this year.

It was their eighth studio release, in addition to a number of live albums.

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The Dave Matthews Band will donate proceeds from an upcoming concert to the Superstorm Sandy relief effort. GETTY IMAGES

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Love is all you need

Lindsay Lohan may have pinpointed the source of all her unhappiness. According to the troubled actress, she's never found true love.

"Love is scary and I'm yet to find that one person. Yes, I've been in love with people

— maybe one or two — but I haven't really had a true love yet," she tells the Daily Mirror. I love being in love. There's nothing better than that first feeling of being in love, so I look forward to having that at some point."



Justin Bieber

Poor driving lands Bieber in hot water

The bad news keeps coming for newly single Justin Bieber.

The Canadian pop star returned to L.A. and within 24 hours found himself pulled over by the sheriff's department for his poor driving skills, according to

Hollyscoop.

"He was cited for an unsafe left turn and expired registration," a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman says. Bieber is due in court January 14 for the citations.

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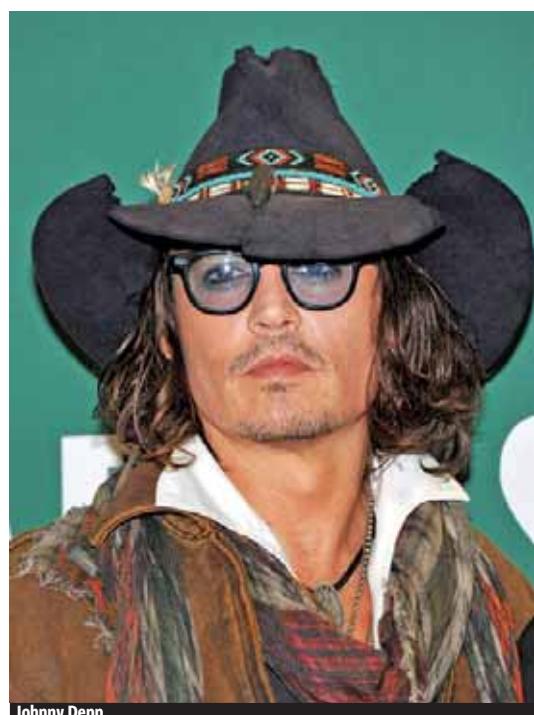
Guy Fieri responds to scathing New York Times review

Guy Fieri is understandably upset with the New York Times' withering review of his new Times Square restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar.

"I just thought it was ridiculous," Fieri says in an interview with the Today Show.

"There's good and there's bad in the restaurant business. That one went overboard."

The review, a series of criticizing questions posed to Fieri about the restaurant, service and dishes, including, "Why did the toasted marshmallow taste like fish?" "When we hear the words Donkey Sauce, which part of the donkey are we supposed to think about?" and, "When you hung that sign by the entrance that says, WELCOME TO FLAVOR TOWN!, were you just messing with our heads?" **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Johnny Depp

Private concert for Depp's daughter

Being the daughter of Johnny Depp certainly has its perks.

When the Pirates of the Caribbean star learned that British boy band One Direction was in Los Angeles last week, he had them come over to his home studio to give a private concert for daughter Lily Rose's 13th

birthday, according to the Sun.

"He brought out his piano and guitars for the boys to test and they had a little jam session," a source says. "Lily Rose just watched with her blushing mates while her dad temporarily joined the world's biggest boy band."

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It doesn't matter how you slice it: Canadians love their pizza. Fresh or frozen, baked in a wood-fired brick oven or from a neighbourhood take-out joint, the way we devour it almost makes you think that Italians discovered the Great White North.

While my quest for that perfect mix of dough, sauce and toppings has taken me everywhere from Naples, Italy to Sydney, Australia, I've discovered that the hunt for the perfect pie really begins at home.

Making a pizzeria style version in your own kitchen isn't rocket science — especially when you keep things simple like a Pizza Margherita: The classic Napoli pie that, with its combo of tomato, mozzarella and basil, was designed to mirror the Italian flag.

As a general rule, your average pizza is pretty vino friendly. Without meaty influences, a lighter, leaner red makes the ideal quaffable match. Bolla's 2011 Valpolicella Classico (\$11.95 - \$15.50) is a perennial by-the-glasser at in-the-know pizza parlours. Its soft, fruity blend of cherry and subtle spice makes as happy a marriage with a Margherita-style pizza as it does with a mainstream. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Buddy's Pizza Margherita

1. Position rack in bottom of oven and set pizza stone on rack. Preheat to 450 to 500 F.

2. Lightly work surface and a pizza peel with cornmeal. Pat and stretch or roll out the

Ingredients

- Cornmeal, for dusting your work surface and pizza peel
- 1/3 Pizza Dough recipe (page 95) or store-bought pie
- 1/4 cup Pizza Sauce (page 97) or store-bought

Master Italian with the Cake Boss

New cookbook. The TLC star shares 100 of his favourite recipes

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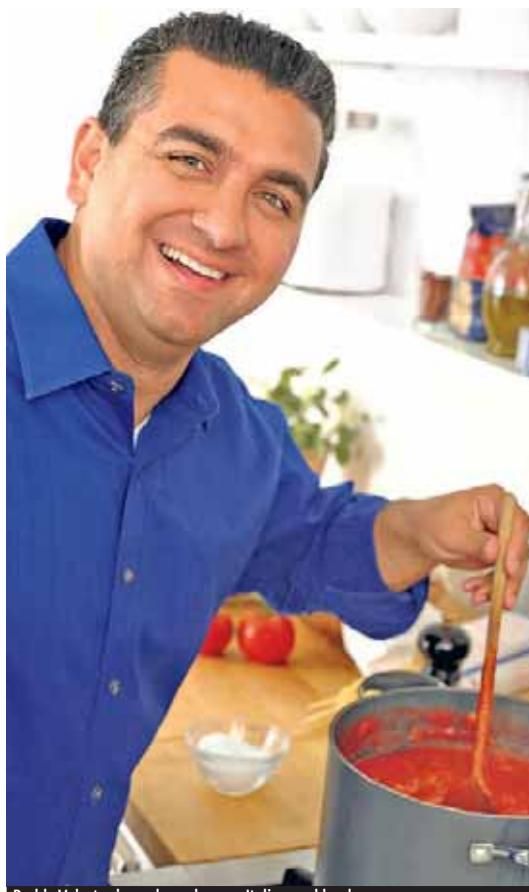
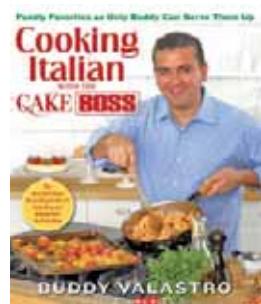
Sundays at Buddy Valastro's house are ruled by three words: food, family and football.

It's a day for the star of TLC's hit show *Cake Boss* to throw on his New York Giants jersey and munch on game snacks (wine, bread and prosciutto, in case you're wondering) while his wife, Lisa, whips up Sunday Gravy (a.k.a. tomato sauce).

But the man behind Carlo's Bakery also knows his way around the kitchen — so much so that he has released *Cooking Italian with the Cake Boss: Family Favorites As Only Buddy Can Serve Them Up*.

The 100-recipe book features Italian-American dishes with signature touches that may just expand Valastro's boss reputation to boiling pots of potato gnocchi and simmering dishes of lasagna.

The book is dedicated to your wife. Who is really the boss in your kitchen?



Buddy Valastro has released a new Italian cookbook. SUBMITTED

I gotta give it up to my wife, she is definitely the boss of cooking in my house. She does 90 per cent of it. I really wanted to dedicate a book to her and I'm so happy it's this one because a lot of the recipes are hers, so I feel like I didn't just steal from her.

I have to pit you against your mom and your wife, and ask, who is the best cook?

Oh, I'm definitely the best cook out of the three. They won't even try to deny it. My food has a lot more flavour profile to it. I attribute that to having a really unique palate. When I'm at a restaurant and I eat something, I can pick apart what's in it. Then I can go home and recreate it.

Is there anything you haven't mastered in Italian cooking?

I don't consider myself a master. I think that I'm a really good cook. I'm not intimidated to try anything. At the end of the day, nothing brings families together like food, but sometimes people get in a rut. Take my wife, God bless her, great cook ... but she makes the same stuff every week. So I want the book to make people think, 'You know what? Instead of making plain veal cutlets, I'm gonna make Veal Saltimbocca. Let me try something new.'

Speaking of family, we've seen you cook with your family on *Kitchen Boss*, who is your favourite person to cook with?

All my sisters and me cook great together so I would pick any of them. Probably my least favourite is Grace. She just really don't know how to cook (laughs). I remember, one time I was at her house and she was like, 'Buddy, you make this pasta so good, why don't you just make it?' I'm asking her where things are, and she's like, 'I don't have it.' I'm like, 'No wonder your food tastes like crap. You don't have anything!'

Aside from Italian, what else do you like to cook?

Oh, I cook everything. My favourite is probably Asian.

Are we going to get a *Cooking Chinese with Buddy* book?

I don't know about cooking Chinese, but Buddy can make some damn good fried rice.

What advice do you have for the people who want to make this *Pizza Margherita* recipe?

Get a good pizza stone and crank your oven. The trick to pizza is the oven being hot, so get the oven up to 500 degrees, have the door closed, get the pizza right in, close the door quickly, and get it nice and crispy.



This recipe serves one or two. FROM COOKING ITALIAN WITH THE CAKE BOSS (SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2012)

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Curvalicious

Celebrate women and get to know the Urban Curvz Theatre staff and Board of Directors at this FUN-raising meet & greet and dance party at the Auburn Saloon (712 1 St. SE) on Nov. 17. The 6th Annual Curvalicious party will include a special presentation about the upcoming season, as well as games, prizes and a dance party with beats courtesy of DJ collective Girls on Decks. Dress as your favourite female hero for a chance to win costume prizes!



Grape Escape

Check out this wine, beer and spirits event brought to you by Co-op Wines & Spirits. Being held at the BMO Centre (Stampede Park), enjoy informative and entertaining evenings featuring samples from a variety of producers of premium wine, spirits and beer. Tickets cover entry, plus samples. Nov. 16 and 17.



Cuisine et Château Interactive Culinary Centre Grand Opening

Are you a foodie? Check out the grand opening of Cuisine et Château Interactive Culinary Centre (227 10 St. NW) on Nov. 17. Whether an amateur or professional, it is designed for food enthusiasts offering classes and hands-on educational events with small class sizes and professional chef instructors. Impress friends at your next dinner party.



The Big Stir

Want to help make a difference? Check out Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers' Big Stir at the Calgary Farmers' Market (510 77 Ave. SE) on Nov. 20. Join 300 Sisters and Brothers, celebrity chefs and emcee Dave Kelly as they prepare 1,000 bowls of soup for women and children in Calgary's women's shelters. To register a team and reserve a chopping table email info@soupsisters.org.



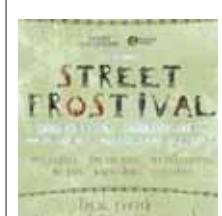
You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

We all have memories of Charlie Brown, and this charming musical, based on the Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, will have you dancing in your seat with its wit and humour. The show runs from Nov. 22 to Dec. 30 at the Martha Cohen Theatre (220 9 Ave. SE).



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The best buys for the gamer on your list


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Since the early '80s, video game consoles have always been big sellers around the holidays. This year is no different.

The competition between Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft continues to heat up. Here is some of the best gaming gear you can give.

Nintendo Wii U — \$299.99 and up
While it looks very similar to the Wii, the Wii U is a brand new console. With beefed up hardware and intense



graphic power, this will be the first Nintendo console to feature HD graphics. What really sets it apart is the new GamePad controller. As well as traditional buttons, the GamePad features a 6.2-inch touchscreen, stylus, accelerometer,

gyroscope, Near-Field Technology, front facing camera and microphone. Nintendo promises to introduce new styles of gameplay never seen before. More importantly, when mom and dad want to watch TV, the Wii U console will stream the game to the screen on the GamePad so everyone remains happy. The Wii U is also backwards compatible with nearly all Wii games and controllers.

PS Vita — \$249 and up
Playstation takes portable gaming to the next level with the PS Vita. This handheld console features a vibrant five-inch touchscreen display, dual analog sticks, motion sensors, stereo speakers and two cameras. Surf the web, video chat with friends or challenge them to a game online via Wi-Fi or 3G. A rear touchpad introduces unique elements of gameplay not seen on any other handheld console.

Kinect — \$109.99
It's easy to dismiss video games as being just for kids, but Microsoft's Kinect for the Xbox 360 is so intuitive, even adults will have fun. The Kinect sensor uses a



camera to actually put you in the game. There is no controller, just you. All your movements are shown on screen, which makes it perfect for dance or fitness games. Whether it's for fitness or fun, Kinect opens up new possibilities.

Pulse Wireless Stereo Headset: Elite Edition — \$149.99



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Eye strain can become a serious problem for gamers, especially those who play on PC monitors. Gunnar glasses are designed to increase screen contrast while blocking blue light, resulting in decreased eye fatigue and dryness. Those who use them swear by them. Available in a number of different styles.

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Merry minstrels hit the right note



The holidays are almost upon us. While many feel the first snowfall signifies the festive season's advent, though, the more musically inclined know that the release of yuletide albums mark its true arrival.

At that, this year there are plenty of minstrels primed to make us feel quite merry.

Legendary rocker Rod Stewart issues *Merry Christmas, Baby*, his first-ever holiday record. An interesting affair, it offers standards (*Auld Lang Syne*, *White Christmas*), duets (*We Three Kings* with Mary J. Blige and *What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?* accompanied by Ella Fitzgerald) and oddball tracks such as *Red-Suited Super Man*.

Lady Antebellum has also released its first holiday-themed collection this year. Dubbed *On This Winter's Night* (EMI), it boasts the country trio taking on 12 favourites such as, *A Holly Jolly Christmas*, *Let It Snow*, and *Silver Bells*.

Not to be outdone in the genre, revered twangy vocal-



ist Blake Shelton has also compiled his own slew of tracks. In fact, *Cheers, It's Christmas* (Warner) has already hit No. 1 on Billboard's Holiday Albums chart thanks to his efforts on *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!*

For a touch more upbeat fun, check out famed soul, hip-hop and R&B singer Cee Lo Green's inaugural Christ-

mas collection. Blending original tunes with carefully-selected covers, *Cee Lo's Magic Moment* (Atlantic) treats us to *What Christmas Means To Me*, *You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch* featuring *Straight No Chaser* and, most impressively, *All I Need Is Love* backed by none other than *The Muppets*.

Diversity is the key behind Universal Music's *Holidays*

Rule compilation. Endeavouring to create a mixed bag that works well as background fodder for your inevitable party, its 17 new and beloved songs are performed by artists including Rufus Wainwright, Paul McCartney, Calexico, Y la Bamba, Punch Brothers and The Shins.

Sometimes we need to hear an extraordinary set of pipes really belt it out,

mas Song (*Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire*) through *Santa Baby* and *Deck The Halls* to *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*, one can bet this blonde bombshell is at her best.

Need a little more Canadian spirit in your seasonal celebration? Fear not, Michael Bublé will happily oblige with his pointedly-titled *Christmas (Reprise)*, a bastion of 15 holiday-heavy tunes ranging from *It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas* to *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town* and *I'll Be Home For Christmas*. Moreover, if there is a passionate Bublé fan on your gift list, consider the limited special edition with three bonus tracks and an exclusive acrylic ornament.

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The hottest toys for kids



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Here's a roundup of five of the hottest kids toys as well as a few stocking stuffer ideas that are sure to raise the holiday spirits of every child on your gift list.

LeapPad2 Explorer

Based on the award-



winning LeapPad1, this tablet made especially for little people (ages three to nine years old) features front and back cameras, two video recorders, 4GB of memory and a library of hundreds of learning games, eBooks, videos, music and much more. The Gameboy-like portable unit focuses on educational gaming. Comes pre-installed with a music player and a few creativity apps. \$109.99. leapfrog.com

Furby

That furry and famous kids' pal is back and better equipped for a generation of tech-savvy kids. Furby is interactive: You can feed it, speak to it, tickle it, play music for it and it will react with varying emotions. But how you treat Furby will shape its person-

The LeapPad2 Explorer, \$109.99, available at leapfrog.com.

ality. Aside from capacitive sensors in its head, stomach, back and sides that react to touching, inside Furby's yellow beak is a red tongue, that, when pressed, starts Furby chewing. Available in 10 colours. \$70. Ages six and older. Hasbro.ca

Lollipop Duet Stage Microphone

Little singers can belt out their favourite tunes with this rockin' stage mic. Featuring a handheld microphone with a height-adjustable stand along with a headset mic, so two kids can share the spotlight at once. The microphone can be connected to an iPod, MP3 or CD player so little singers get a real surround sound effect. Disco Lights and applause sound effects are sure to delight wannabe Canadian Idols. \$39.95. Ages four and older. Mastermindtoy.com

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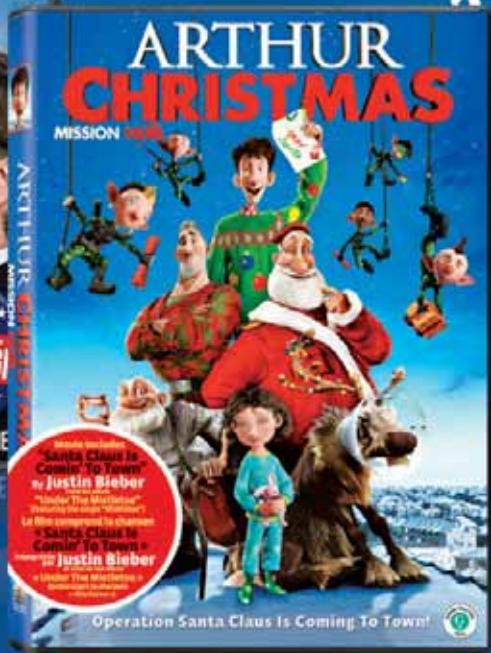
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CFL playoffs

Lions wary of Glenn's savvy

At least one B.C. Lion is disappointed quarterback Drew Tate won't be playing for the Calgary Stampeders in Sunday's Western final.

"I want to play against their best," said Lions defensive back Korey Banks after a practice Thursday at BC Place Stadium. "If he's their best guy, we want to bring him out here."

Kevin Glenn, 33, is slated to start for the Stamps on Sunday after Tate suffered a fractured forearm on his throwing arm in last weekend's come-from-behind 36-30 win over the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Tate's absence means the Lions will face a familiar foe in Glenn, a 12-year CFL veteran who started all three meetings against B.C. during the regular season. In the last regular-season meeting between the teams, Glenn and Tate, playing his first game after missing most of the season with a shoulder injury, shared the quarterbacking duties.

The Lions, seeking a chance to defend the Grey Cup they won last year, went 2-1 against Calgary in the regular season.

But Glenn has struggled against B.C. this season. In the three games, he completed a modest of 47-of-78 passes and his three interceptions outnumbered his two touchdown passes.

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Calgary quarterback Kevin Glenn will start Sunday's game against B.C. JEFF MCINTOSH / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nik Lewis finally says sorry for O.J. tweet

Paying the price.

Calgary slotback will donate his paycheque to women's shelter after social-media gaffe

The consequences of a questionable tweet continue for Calgary Stampeders slotback Nik Lewis.

Lewis was more apologetic in both verbal and printed statements Thursday than he had been when addressing the media the previous day.

On Monday, Lewis had tweeted: "I just bought OJ's gloves on eBay. Now all I need is a white girl named Nicole." He added the hashtag #MayBeALittleToFar.

The reference was to the 1995 murder trial of former NFL player O.J. Simpson, who was asked in the courtroom to put on leather gloves found at the crime scene.

Simpson was acquitted in the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, but he lost a civil-court case against him for their wrongful deaths.

Lewis was somewhat repentant when asked about the tweet by reporters on Wednesday, but seemed to take the matter more seriously a day later.

The Stampeders issued a statement from Lewis and the 30-year-old repeated some of its contents following practice.

"I never would condone violence to anyone, especially women," Lewis said.

Quoted

"I made a mistake by making that comment on Twitter and I take full responsibility."

Calgary Stampeders slotback Nik Lewis on a tweet he made on Monday concerning the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson.



Stampeders slotback Nik Lewis has agreed to donate his paycheque from Sunday's West final to a Calgary women's shelter after making an offensive tweet on Monday. JEFF MCINTOSH / THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

"I would like people to know I am a better person than that."

Lewis will donate his paycheque from Sunday's CFL West final to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter and the team says it will match the contribution to the organization.

According to the CFL's collective bargaining agreement, players each receive \$3,600 for playing in the division final.

Lewis is in his ninth season with the Stampeders. He has a reputation for stirring the pot

with his off-field comments.

The tweet was deleted from Lewis's account, but the CFL fined him an undisclosed amount Wednesday for violating the league's social-media policy.

When Lewis spoke to reporters at McMahon Stadium that day, his mea culpa was a mix of repentance and defiance.

"People follow me on Twitter for a reason," he said Wednesday. "A lot of people have sent me letters and things like that on Twitter expressing how funny they think I am and not to change and all this other stuff."

"For the people I didn't offend, thanks for the support. For the people I do offend, I can't apologize every day of my life because I'm going to do something every day to offend somebody and that's just the way it is."

Those comments obviously didn't sit well with the Stampeders, who are owned by the NHL's Calgary Flames.

"The ownership group expresses its dismay and regret at the action of the player," Thursday's release said. "This player and all members of the team are expected to conduct themselves publicly and privately with professionalism and respect for the community and everyone in it."

When Lewis was asked why he was more apologetic Thursday, a Stampeders spokesman said the slotback would take only football questions.

Stampeders coach and general manager John Hufnagel has asked his players not to tweet until the end of the CFL season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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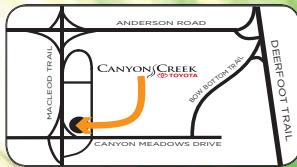


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CFL's final assessment



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East final

Toronto at Montreal, Sunday, 11 a.m. (TSN)
Here's something the Toronto Argos don't face every day — crowd noise, and lots of it. The more than 40,000 rabid

Alouettes fans at Olympic Stadium for Sunday's East final will be harassing the



Argos in both official languages, rattling the Big O's creaky rafters and making things difficult for Argos quarterback Ricky Ray and the Double Blue offence.

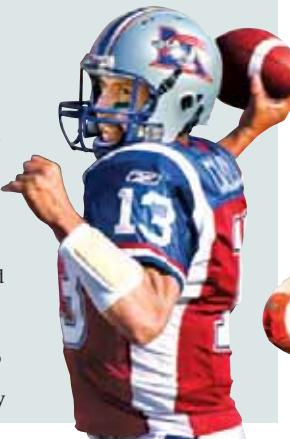
The Argos have survived and, in fact, thrived in similar noisy atmospheres this season. Toronto escaped Hamilton's ear-piercing Ivor Wynne Stadium with a win on Labour Day. The Argos also emerged from rowdy Taylor Field in Regina to secure a win and second place in the East and their first home playoff game since 2007.

To prepare for Sunday's Thunderdome experience, the Argos have been practising with noise piped into Toronto's Rogers Centre in anticipation of the real thing on Sunday.

Season series: Toronto slipped past the Als 23-20 in Week 5, with Ricky Ray

throwing two TD passes. Montreal trounced the Argos 31-10 in Week 13 when Ray left the game early with a knee injury, while also beating the Argos 24-12 in Week 16.

Pick: Toronto by 3.



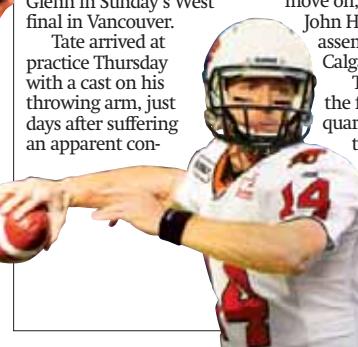
West final

Calgary at B.C., Sunday, 2:30 p.m. (TSN)

They were worried about his forehead just a couple of days ago, and now Drew Tate's forearm is causing headaches in Calgary.

The Stampeders quarterback is out for the rest of the season with a fractured right forearm, giving way to Kevin Glenn in Sunday's West final in Vancouver.

Tate arrived at practice Thursday with a cast on his throwing arm, just days after suffering an apparent con-



fusion in the Stamps' 36-30 West semifinal win over Saskatchewan. Although Tate's head received a clean bill of health, he underwent an MRI and CAT scan Tuesday when the small fracture was discovered in his throwing arm, sidelining him for the biggest game of the year.

"We won 10 out of the last 12. Kevin started eight of those wins, so we'll just move on," Stampeders coach

John Hufnagel told the assembled media in Calgary.

Tate said he suffered the fracture in the third quarter of the win over the Roughriders.

It's a frustrating setback for Tate, who missed 14 games this season with a dislocated shoulder after being tackled

in Week 2. Glenn led the Stamps offence during Tate's absence, directing Calgary to a second-place finish in the West.

Season series: The Lions thumped the Stamps 34-8 in Week 5 in Calgary, and followed that win with a slim 27-22 victory in Vancouver in Week 15.

The Stamps answered in Week 18 with 34 unanswered points in a 41-21 win in Calgary.

Pick:
B.C.
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Bettman asks for break in negotiations: Sources

Season in peril. With hopes for a new CBA dashed again, hockey execs also warn of more scheduling carnage

After a lockout spanning almost nine weeks, about the only thing the NHL and NHL Players' Association are talking about is taking

a break.

Commissioner Gary Bettman has proposed placing a two-week moratorium on talks after NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr told him that he didn't know how the sides could proceed, multiple sources told The Canadian Press on Thursday night.

The offer was made during a phone conversation on Wednesday and didn't

produce an answer. According to the sources, Fehr told Bettman he would need to bounce the idea off his membership before responding.

The potential freeze comes with talks already having fallen silent after a busy stretch of meetings last week in New York. However, by the time negotiations broke last Sunday afternoon it was clear that

Quoted
"I'm more discouraged now than I have been at any point in the process."

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly
on the lack of progress in labour talks

pessimism and some bad feelings had made their way into the bargaining room.

Some of the tension can be chalked up to losses that are beginning to mount. On Thursday, players missed their third paycheque of the season while the league moved closer to making another round of game cancellations, prompting some to suggest the entire year could be in danger.

The NHL is expected to start wiping games beyond Nov. 30 off the schedule early next week. There had previously been hope for a shortened 68-game season starting Dec. 1, but that now appears to be gone.

In total, the lockout has already forced the cancellation of 327 games, including the Winter Classic between the Maple Leafs and Red Wings at Michigan Stadium. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters after negotiations last Friday. LOUIS LANZANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

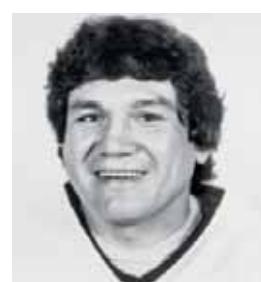
NHL. Former Bruin Stan Jonathan charged in hunting accident

Former Boston Bruins forward Stan Jonathan has been charged with criminal negligence causing death after a hunting accident on the weekend left a Hamilton man dead.

Peter Kosid was shot and killed on Sunday while crossbow hunting for deer on a friend's property on a Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, about 100 kilometres west of Toronto.

Six Nations Police said a deer hunter fired from the roadway into the bushline area. The bullet struck Kosid, who was wearing camouflage, from about 375 metres away.

Police said Jonathan and Kosid were not known to each other and were not hunting together. Jonathan, a prominent member of the Six Na-



Former NHLer Stan Jonathan has been charged with criminal negligence causing death.

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tions band, was released after a bail hearing Wednesday. Details of the hearing cannot be revealed due to a publication ban.

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fact, for a charity skate. Centre Brad Richards has organized a benefit to help in the relief efforts on Staten Island after Superstorm Sandy. Richards, who led them to the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference last season, has partnered with a high school team to organize "Skating for Sandy."

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NBA

Knicks pile on points late to remain perfect

Raymond Felton scored 25 points and the New York Knicks stayed undefeated by rallying to beat the San Antonio Spurs 104-100 on Thursday night.

J.R. Smith added 17 points, Jason Kidd had 14 and Tyson Chandler 13 for the Knicks (6-0), who closed on a 22-11 run to remain the NBA's lone unbeaten team.

Tony Parker led San Antonio (7-2) with 19 points and 12 assists. Kawhi Leonard added 16 points and Tim Duncan had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Smith and Kidd hit consecutive 3-pointers to give the Knicks a 100-95 lead with a minute left. The Spurs had won 18 of 19 regular-season games against New York.

The late push offset an uncharacteristic start by the Knicks.

After holding their first five opponents to 87.8 points per game, the Knicks allowed the Spurs to set a quick tone when Danny Green opened with consecutive backdoor layups off assists from Parker and Duncan.

DeJuan Blair smiled at Spurs coach Gregg Popovich and gave him a double fist bump before taking the court for his first start of the season. The move paid off. Blair had two points and an assist while denying Carmelo Anthony the ball defensively and hounding the Knicks all-star into missing his only attempt in the opening eight minutes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NBA. Injury bug has bitten the Raptors hard

The picture is not pretty but at least it's now clear for the Raptors.

Kyle Lowry will miss another week or two with a bruised cuboid in his ankle. Alan Anderson will be sidelined three to six weeks with a partially torn plantar fascia in his foot and Landry Fields will be out indefinitely after he had surgery to move a nerve near his left elbow.

It is far from the best medical news the 2-6 team could have received, but at least there are far fewer questions to ask today.

"Our rotation is not going to look like a normal rotation by no means ever, but the NBA season goes on," coach Dwane Casey said Thursday.

"This is an opportunity for guys who weren't getting big minutes to come out and have an opportunity to play and produce."

Dominic McGuire, who missed Thursday's practice to attend to a family matter, is likely to remain in the starting lineup. There will be an increased role for rookie swingman Terrence Ross. Veteran Linas Kleiza, who missed Thursday's practice as a maintenance day for his sore right

Timetable

Kyle Lowry, who left practice in a walking boot to get treatment, will have missed almost three weeks if he comes back in the timetable set out Thursday.

ankle, will also see more responsibility.

The Raptors will continue to ride veteran Jose Calderon but asking him to log consistently long minutes may be counter-productive, sending Casey looking for unorthodox solutions.

"I'm not advocating that DeMar (DeRozan) is going to play 48 minutes of point guard, but he's going to have come down and tread water and get us in our offence if they try to take Jose out of it," said the coach.

The most serious injury is to Fields, who said he felt involuntary "twitches" in his right hand every time he took a shot this season. Trying to correct it through simple hard work wasn't accomplishing anything, sending him scurrying to doctors.

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Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry reacts at the referee while playing on Oct. 31 in Toronto. Lowry is expected to be sidelined for another one to two weeks. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**



Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers watches his two-run home run leave the park against the New York Yankees on Oct. 18 during the American League Championship Series in Detroit. Cabrera, baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, was named American League MVP on Thursday. **LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Cabrera and Posey win MVP awards

MLB. Triple Crown winner claims AL honour while Giants slugger wins NL

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Trout won AL rookie of the year earlier in the week.

"I was a little concerned. I thought the new thing about computer stuff, I thought Trout's going to win because they put his numbers over me," Cabrera said. "I was like relax.... If he wins, it's going to be fair because he had a great season."

His victory is a win for the traditional statistics.

"At the end of the game, it's going to be the same baseball played back in the day," Cabrera said.

Posey, at a charity event at his mother's school in Leesburg, Va., followed the AL debate and Googled to find out the winner.

"I think it intrigued everybody," he said. "As a fan of the game, it was a fun race to watch."

With three fewer hits or two less homers, Cabrera would have fallen short of the Triple Crown.

"I think winning the

Triple Crown tradition

Cabrera hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs to become the first Triple Crown winner since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967.

- The last four Triple Crown winners have been voted MVP, including Mickey Mantle in 1956 and Frank Robinson in 1966.

- Cabrera also led the league with a .606 slugging percentage for the AL champion Tigers.

Triple Crown had a lot to do with me winning this honour," he said.

Cabrera became the second straight Detroit player voted MVP, following pitcher Justin Verlander in 2011, and was the first Venezuelan to earn the honour.

Countryman Pablo Sandoval took home World Series MVP honours last month. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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St-Pierre leaves home to find his comfort zone

UFC. Fight in Montreal is the welterweight champion's first since April last year

Georges St-Pierre may be fighting at home this weekend, but he's not sleeping in his own bed.

The UFC welterweight champion has moved into a hotel, leaving the comforts of home ahead of Saturday night's UFC 154 main event with interim title-holder Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit at the Bell Centre.

He wants no part of the hometown feeling, other than to have friends and family in the stands.

"I want to feel like it's another fight, like normal," he said.

The move has cut into his



Georges St-Pierre THE CANADIAN PRESS

privacy. Fans in the lobby have pretty much restricted his ability to leave his hotel room. But that plays into another priority ahead of the fight.

"At this time, I try to isolate myself, not get sick — not catch any cold or stuff like that. Stay very focused on the main goal," St-Pierre told reporters.

The fight is the first for St-Pierre (22-2) since April 2011 when he beat Jake Shields. He underwent reconstructive surgery after injuring his knee in training last fall.

Condit (28-5) defeated Nick Diaz in February to claim the interim title during St-Pierre's injury layoff.

After Friday's weigh-in, when he has to make 170 pounds, St-Pierre's immediate plan is to "eat and drink." Ice cream is high on his priority list.

"Even if I were to do 100 push-ups, I'm not going to get any stronger," he said. "So it's all in the mind. My training is done."

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MLB

Selig to review Blue Jays, Marlins blockbuster

Bud Selig was on hand when the Miami Marlins played their first regular-season game in their swanky new ballpark in April. The commissioner provided a glowing review of the \$634-million US project and declared opposition to the facility would fade away within five years.

So far, it's not looking so good for that prediction.

Selig said Thursday he is examining the pending blockbuster trade between Miami and Toronto.

Speaking at the conclusion of the owners' meetings, Selig said he is aware of fan anger in Miami but is going to do what's in the best interests of the sport.

"I am aware of the anger, I am. I'm also aware that in Toronto they're very happy."

The Blue Jays are bringing in all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson under the deal, which is contingent on physicals.

Selig said the trade hadn't been officially presented to his office yet.

The Marlins get infielders Yunel Escobar and Adeiny Hechavarria, right-hander Henderson Alvarez, and several top prospects.

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Nets rise above the Celtics

The Brooklyn Nets' Brook Lopez shoots over the Boston Celtics' Jason Collins during their game Thursday night in Brooklyn, N.Y. Lopez and Deron Williams each scored 24 points, and the Nets beat the Celtics 102-97 for their fourth straight victory.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB | GP | FG | FT | PTS | Avg |
|--------------|---|---|-------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| d-New York | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | Ñ | | | | | |
| d-Milwaukee | 5 | 2 | .714 | 1/ | | | | | |
| Brooklyn | 5 | 2 | .714 | 1/ | | | | | |
| d-Miami | 6 | 3 | .667 | 1/ | | | | | |
| Chicago | 5 | 3 | .625 | 2 | | | | | |
| Charlotte | 4 | 3 | .571 | 2/ | | | | | |
| Boston | 5 | 4 | .556 | 2/ | | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 4 | .500 | 3 | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 3 | 4 | .429 | 3/ | | | | | |
| Indiana | 3 | 6 | .333 | 4/ | | | | | |
| Orlando | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4/ | | | | | |
| Cleveland | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5 | | | | | |
| Toronto | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5 | | | | | |
| Detroit | 1 | 8 | .111 | 6/ | | | | | |
| Washington | 0 | 7 | .000 | 6/ | | | | | |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB | GP | FG | FT | PTS | Avg |
|---|---|---|------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| d-Memphis | 6 | 1 | .857 | Ñ | | | | | |
| San Antonio | 7 | 2 | .777 | Ñ | | | | | |
| d-L.A. Clippers | 6 | 2 | .750 | 1/ | | | | | |
| d-Oklahoma City | 3 | 3 | .667 | 1 | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1/ | | | | | |
| Dallas | 5 | 4 | .556 | 2 | | | | | |
| Denver | 4 | 4 | .500 | 2/ | | | | | |
| Houston | 4 | 4 | .500 | 2/ | | | | | |
| Golden State | 4 | 4 | .500 | 2/ | | | | | |
| New Orleans | 3 | 3 | .500 | 2/ | | | | | |
| Phoenix | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 | | | | | |
| Utah | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 | | | | | |
| L.A. Lakers | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3/ | | | | | |
| Portland | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3/ | | | | | |
| Sacramento | 2 | 6 | .250 | 4/ | | | | | |
| Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs | | | | | | | | | |
| Not including Thursday's games | | | | | | | | | |

Thursday's results

Brooklyn 102, Boston 97

New York 104, San Antonio 100

Miami at Denver

Wednesday's results

Detroit 94 Philadelphia 76

Boston 98 Utah 93

Charlotte 89 Minnesota 87

Memphis 107 Oklahoma City 97

Milwaukee 99 Indiana 85

Houston 100 New Orleans 96

Dallas 107 Washington 101

Chicago 112 Phoenix 106 OT

L.A. Clippers 107 Miami 100

Golden State 92 Atlanta 88

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

New York at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Toronto at Boston, 12:30 p.m.

Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Memphis at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at New York, 12 p.m.

Orlando at Toronto, 1 p.m.

Brooklyn at Sacramento, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | Avg |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| Orton, Okl | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Pargo, Cle | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Shengelia, Bro | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1.000 |
| Daye, Det | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1.000 |
| Motiejunas, Hou | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1.000 |
| Jenkins, GoS | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.000 |
| Hansbrough, Ind | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Garrett, Pho | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Zeller, Pho | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 1.000 |
| Randolph, Den | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Wilcox, Bos | 7 | 10 | 14 | 34 | .833 |
| Thabeet, Okl | 7 | 4 | 9 | 17 | .800 |
| Johnson, Atl | 6 | 16 | 2 | 34 | .762 |
| Turkoglu, Orl | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | .750 |
| Smith, Hou | 3 | 6 | 6 | 18 | .750 |
| Tyler, GoS | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | .750 |
| Dalembert, Mil | 7 | 19 | 6 | 44 | .731 |
| Evans, Bro | 6 | 5 | 8 | 18 | .714 |
| Jordan, LAC | 8 | 40 | 7 | 87 | .714 |
| Barron, Was | 3 | 7 | 1 | 15 | .700 |
| Drummond, Det | 9 | 23 | 11 | 58 | .676 |
| Hershey | 12 | 6 | 5 | 61 | .671 |
| Martini, Was | 4 | 8 | 0 | 21 | .667 |
| Harrellson, Mia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | .667 |
| Maggette, Det | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | .667 |
| Rush, GoS | 2 | 6 | 2 | 14 | .667 |
| Sanders, Mil | 7 | 30 | 11 | 71 | .652 |
| Wright, Dal | 8 | 35 | 12 | 82 | .648 |
| Butler, Chi | 8 | 11 | 12 | 34 | .647 |
| Kaman, Dal | 7 | 47 | 15 | 109 | .644 |
| McGuire, Tor | 7 | 7 | 1 | 15 | .636 |

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MLS PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(two-game, total-goals series)

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D.C. UNITED VS. HOUSTON

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern

Houston at D.C., 4 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SEATTLE VS. LOS ANGELES

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern

Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 1

Eastern champion vs.

Western champion, 4:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

FA CUP

Thursday's result

Altrincham 0 Burton Albion 2

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | PT |
|------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Worcester | 14 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 44 | 16 |
| Manchester | 12 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 25 | 15 |
| Portland | 12 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 41 | 12 |
| St. John's | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 39 | 12 |
| Providence | 11 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 31 | 9 |

NORTHEAST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | PT |
|-------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Springfield | 12 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 41 | 19 | 18 |
| Bridgeport | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 34 | 16 |
| Adirondack | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 34 | 12 |
| Connecticut | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 45 | 11 |
| Albany | 11 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 28 | 9 |

EAST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | PT |
|--------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Syracuse | 11 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 32 | 16 |
| Norfolk | 12 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 38 | 14 |
| W-B/Scranton | 13 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 30 | 14 |
| Binghamton | 11 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 36 | 30 | 12 |
| Hershey | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 32 | 11 |

WEST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | PT |
|------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Abbotsford | 13 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 42 | 20 | 21 |
| Lake Erie | 15 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 42 | 18 |
| Rochester | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 49 | 40 | 17 |
| Toronto | 12 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 36 | 15 |
| Hamilton | 13 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 49 | 9 |

SOUTH DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | PT |
|---------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Charlotte | 13 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 32 | 19 |
| Houston | 14 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 52 | 48 | 15 |
| Oklahoma City | 13 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 42 | 14 |
| San Antonio | 11 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 34 | 9 |
| Texas | 11 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 37 | 9 |

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

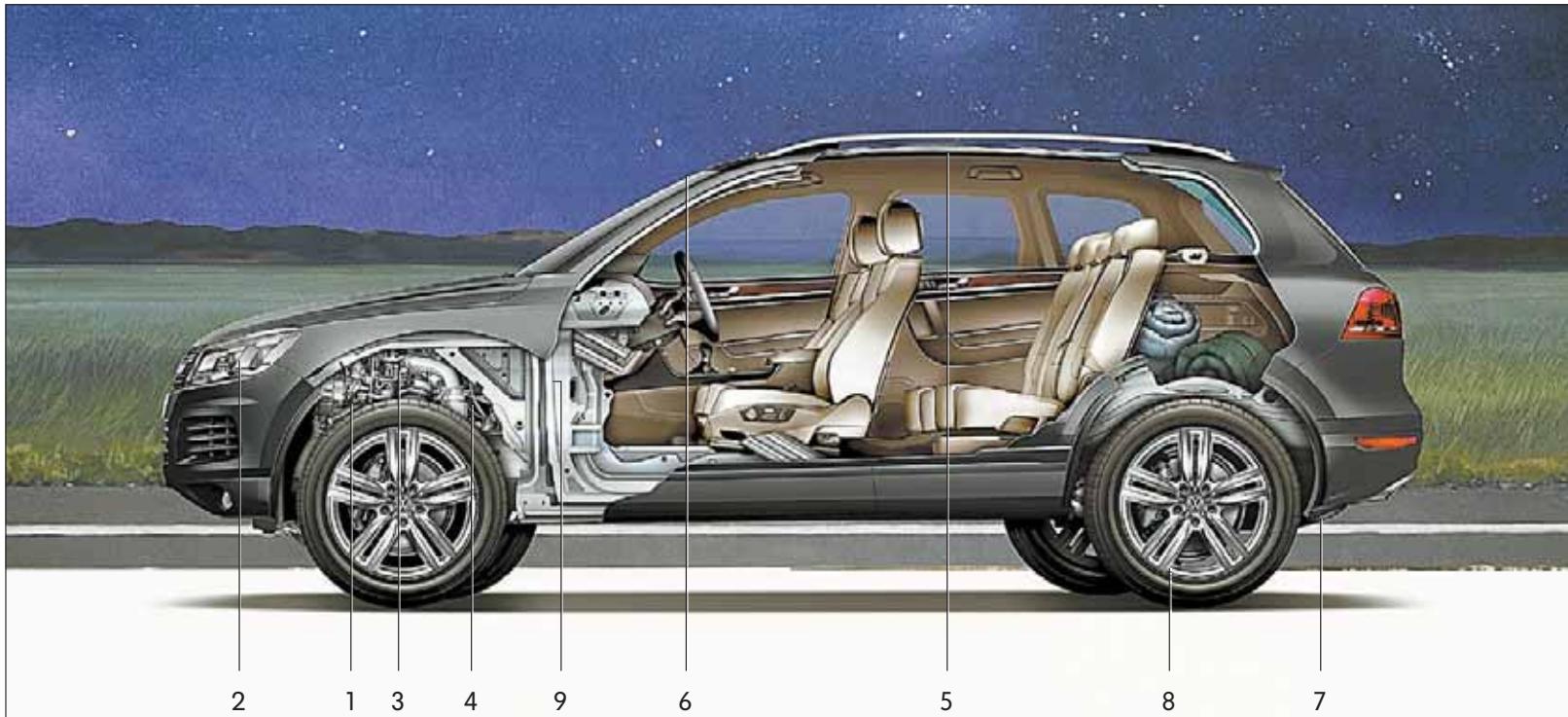
Thursday's result

San Antonio at Texas

Wednesday's results

Adirondack 4 Manchester 1

Rochester 4 Hamilton 1



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